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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ollie wins arbitration case

Former coach awarded more than \$11.1 million, ending four-year legal battle with university

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

Former UConn men's basketball coach Kevin Ollie has won his fouryear legal battle with the university over the years and compensation remaining on his contract when he was fired in March 2018.

Arbitrator Mark Irvings, in his ruling, found that UConn violated the collective bargaining agreement when it terminated Kevin Ollie without just cause." At UConn, coaches are members of the American Association of University Professors, which filed a grievance on Ollie's behalf. Ollie

must receive \$11,157,032.95 within the next 10 business days.

"I am please with arbitrator Mark Irvings ruling which found that UConn did not have just cause to terminate my contract," Ollie said in a statement released by his attorneys. "I wish to thank God and my family, whose grace sustained me over the last four years."

UConn, in its statement, called Irvings' decision "nonsensical."

Ollie coached six seasons,

winning the NCAA title in 2014 but posting sub .500 records in his last two seasons. UConn came under NCAA scrutiny for several infractions, the most serious of which was the players' use of an outside trainer in Georgia. The NCAA eventually issued a threeyear show cause order, citing Ollie for what it considers a "level one" violation, providing false or misleading information to NCAA investigators, and other relatively

minor level two and three infrac-

The investigation hadn't been completed when UConn initiated proceedings to fire Ollie for "just cause" on March 10, 2018, the day after the season ended. On that day. Ollie vowed to clear his name.

"UConn vigorously disagrees with the decision of the arbitrator and maintains without reservation

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Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly, of Stratford, takes questions during a Capitol news conference held by the GOP demanding more transparency and oversight of billions in federal dollars. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

A push for oversight

Lamont responds to GOP's claims

Gov. Ned Lamont and his chief of staff, Paul Mounds, both said Thursday that they support transparency and have been disclosing financial information. "I'm 100% there," Lamont told reporters on a Zoom call. "We've got to earn the trust of the taxpayers every day." The governor's budget office delivers a monthly report to the state comptroller that includes federal spending, and the budget office also reports spending on its website. The bipartisan state auditors also "will go over every dollar expended," Lamont said.

Connecticut GOP seeks transparency on billions in federal funds flowing to state

By Christopher Keating | Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Connecticut Senate Republicans called Thursday for quarterly reports and public hearings by the legislature to have better oversight concerning billions of dollars in federal funds flowing to Connecticut.

The senators said there is insufficient oversight and transparency, as shown by the alleged loss of more than \$600,000 in federal funds in West Haven in an FBI case that is still pending. Lawmakers have sought audits of all 169 towns that have received federal funds following the arrest of then-state Rep. Michael DiMassa, a West Haven Democrat who was accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in federal money by billing the city of West Haven for consulting services that federal officials said he never performed.

Now, Republicans said they will submit legislation to require quarterly reports and then quarterly public hearings in front

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"It is infuriating that these relief funds meant to help those who are truly in need — the sick, the hungry, and those in most need during the pandemic — were misdirected."

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly, on the ongoing FBI case involving a lawmaker from West Haven

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Omicron surge might be ending

Weekly test positivity rate at 17%; deaths highest in 12 months

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate and its number of hospitalizations fell Thursday to their lowest points in weeks as officials voiced cautious optimism that the state may be nearing the end of its last significant surge of COVID-19.

"Now there seems to be more of a consensus building that this omicron wave may well be the last major wave of infection," Dr. Scott Gottlieb, a former Food and Drug Administration commissioner who has advised Gov. Ned Lamont during the pandemic, said during Lamont's Thursday briefing.

Connecticut's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 17%, the lowest it has been since the start of 2022. Additionally, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 fell on Thursday to its lowest point since Jan. 6.

Yet the state also reported 241 additional COVID-19 deaths this week — the greatest number of deaths per week Connecticut has seen since January 2021.

"Two hundred forty-one, that's a very high number," Lamont said during the briefing.

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48.6%

Percentage of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older who have received a booster dose.

Biden issues new warning to Russia

'Heavy price' will be paid should Ukraine be invaded, president says

By Matthew Lee and Frank Jordans Associated Press

BERLIN - President Joe Biden said Thursday that any Russian troop movements across Ukraine's border would constitute an invasion, saying that Moscow would "pay a heavy price" for such an action.

His warning to Russian Pres-

ident Vladimir Putin came in remarks from the White House and was another effort to clear up any confusion about the position of the U.S. and its NATO allies after Biden was criticized Wednesday for saying a "minor incursion" by Russia would elicit a lesser response.

"I've been absolutely clear with President Putin. He has no misunderstanding: Any, any assembled Russian units move across the Ukrainian border, that is an invasion," Biden said.

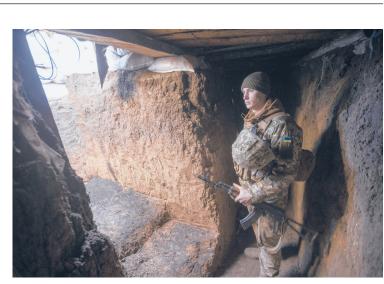
"Let there be no doubt at all if Putin makes this choice, Russia will pay a heavy price."

On Wednesday, Biden said he thinks Moscow will invade and warned Putin that his country would pay a "dear price" in lives lost and a possible cutoff from the global banking system if it does.

But Biden also prompted consternation among allies after saving the response to a Russian invasion "depends on what it does."

"It's one thing if it's a minor incursion and then we end up having a fight about what to do and not do, et cetera," he said.

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A Ukrainian soldier stands in a trench Thursday in Mariupol, Ukraine, near the border with Russia. ANDRIY DUBCHAK/AP

Hartford gets grant to aid nonfatal shooting probes

A \$500,000 federal grant will support a police team focused on boosting the currently meager number of arrests and convictions in nonfatal shootings. CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1

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that the decision to terminate Kevin Ollie when it did was the correct and appropriate decision," the university said. "Indeed, in his decision, the arbitrator agrees that the NCAA's ruling that Ollie engaged in serious NCAA violations gave UConn sufficient basis to terminate Ollie for just cause. However, the arbitrator concluded that UConn should have waited the 16 months it took for the NCAA proceedings to conclude before terminating Ollie.

"As an NCAA member institution, UConn did not have the luxury of waiting more than a year before terminating Ollie for the misconduct the university was aware he had engaged in. UConn could not continue to employ a head coach with the knowledge that he had violated NCAA rules that put student athletes, as well as the entire UConn athletics program, in jeopardy."

Though Ollie's personal contract with UConn considered the incurring of NCAA sanctions as just cause for termination, the CBA's language set a higher bar. Ultimately, the arbitrator used the CBA standard.

"UConn is disappointed that the arbitrator concluded that the standard of just cause set forth in Ollie's individual employment agreement was superseded by the definition in the collective bargaining agreement," UConn said. "Yet this same employment agreement forms the basis of the salary awarded.

"The arbitrator's decision is nonsensical and seriously impedes the University's ability to manage its athletics program. It also sends a signal to other coaches in Connecticut that they may ignore NCAA rules with impunity and continue to be employed and paid.

"It is also inconsistent that the coaches are entitled to the benefits of the employment contracts



Kevin Ollie won his arbitration case with UConn and will receive the \$11 million remaining on his last contract. COURANT FILE

negotiated between the University and its coaches, but cannot be held to the ethical and behavioral standards contained in those same agreements."

The sides fought a long battle in court and in the media, including inferences of a double standard, because other coaches, such as Ollie's predecessor, Jim Calhoun, were not fired after the school drew NCAA infractions.

"The decision completely vindicates Kevin Ollie and his tenure as head coach at UConn," read a statement from Ollie's attorneys, Jacques J. Parenteau and Williams D. Madson. "More

importantly, it restores his good reputation as an individual with the highest ethical standards. Contrary to the NCAA's erroneous and unfounded decision released on July 2, 2019, Kevin Ollie did not violate the NCAA rules that were used to justify the draconian sanctions against him."

Numerous coaches and former players were deposed in the various federal court cases and the arbitration case, and the process was delayed when the original arbitrator, Marcia Greenbaum, died in January 2021. Irvings, who has been an arbitrator for Major League Baseball, took over the case.

The two sides, unable to come to a compromise settlement, went to arbitration, in which a winner-take-all decision is rendered. The university is reviewing its options, according to a spokesper-

Ollie, who played for UConn from 1991-95 and later played 13 seasons in the NBA, is currently coach and director of player development for Overtime Elite, an organization for high school age players who are paid, rather than choose college.

"I wish to assure the UConn community, my alma mater and an institution that has meant so much to me over the years, that the university will always have a special place in my heart and will always be a part of my family," Ollie said.

UConn athletics has been dealt other financial setbacks recently.

This week, the department reported a \$47.2 million deficit for the year ending in June 2021, up \$4 million from the previous vear.

It had been instructed to cut \$10 million from its deficit, which is offset by student fees and a university subsidy, by 2023, but losses in revenue, such as TV sales, due in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic, widened the gap.

Part of its cost-cutting efforts was the elimination of four sports, but it had to reinstate the women's rowing program after former members brought a Title IX lawsuit. UConn settled the suit Dec. 29, agreeing to keep the program, make several upgrades to its facilities, add six new scholarships and submit to an audit of the athletic program for Title IX compliance.

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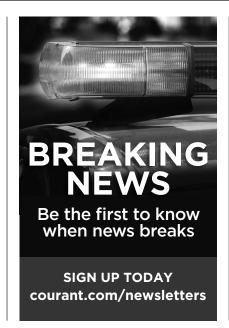
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Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut

Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn or call 1-855-654-0902.

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When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

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of the key committees on specific issues, including transportation, environment, appropriations, finance, and government administration and elec-

"Connecticut can and must do better when it comes to accountability," said Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford.

Noting that West Haven and its residents have struggled financially for years, Kelly said, "It is infuriating that these relief funds meant to help those who are truly in need — the sick, the hungry, and those in most need during the pandemic were misdirected."

The Republican bill was not available Thursday, but Kelly said it will be ready when the 2022 regular session of the General Assembly begins on Feb. 9.

Gov. Ned Lamont and his chief of staff, Paul Mounds, both said Thursday that they support transparency and have been disclosing financial information.

"I'm 100 percent there," Lamont told reporters on a Zoom call. "We've got to earn the trust of the taxpayers every day."

The governor's budget office delivers a monthly report to the state comptroller that includes federal spending, and the budget office also reports spending on its website. The bipartisan state auditors also "will go over every dollar expended," Lamont said.

The legislature has already been pushing for oversight on various pots of money.

Last year, lawmakers passed a bill ensuring that the legislature will play a vital role in deciding how \$2.7 billion in direct federal funding over the next three years is spent.

The measure covered the federal money that will be coming to the state over three years — not federal money going directly to cities and towns for education and other expenses. The money for the state needs to be allocated and will be distributed in the traditional manner as the state budget - meaning scrutiny by the legislature's **Appropriations Committee** and then votes in the House and Senate with collaboration from Lamont before any money is spent.

The state is also expected to receive \$5.4 billion over the next five years in federal infrastructure funds, which are also counted separately.

The money sent to the towns is overseen separately by the governor's budget office - not the legislature.

The budget office has sent a detailed letter to mayors, first selectmen, and town finance officers that said the inspector general of the U.S. Department of the Treasury will be conducting an audit of the federal spending.

The reports for the towns are highly detailed with multiple, separate categories that include cleaning supplies, equipment, food programs, hazard pay, legal fees, overtime, testing, vaccinations, and personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves, among others. Spending information is already available on the web site of the governor's budget office, but lawmakers said they want more transparency.

The Republicans are calling for oversight of an opioid settlement of \$300 million that will go to cities and towns over the next 18 years. They said that money must go to opioid recovery and treatment of addiction, unlike the tobacco settlement funds that were spent on a wide variety of unrelated programs and not enough on programs to quit

smoking. "We cannot allow these funds to be squandered, as we saw with the tobacco settlement funds," said deputy Senate Republican leader Paul Formica of East

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities announced in recent days that 168 of the 169 municipalities had opted in to receive opioid money. Only Salem did not sign up, but officials are working to see if they would be included.

The exact breakdown of payments has not been finalized, but the combined total could be \$16.7 million per year for 18 years, officials said. The towns will receive the money as part of a broader settlement involving 14 states, including Connecticut.

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"Almost all of them unvaccinated, older, comorbidities — a number which is a lagging indicator. I think that number is going to go down, but all our prayers."

With the approaching Feb. 15 expiration of his emergency orders, Lamont said he hopes to see the state legislature codify his 11 remaining executive orders, including those involving COVID-19 safety measures for nursing home visitors and a mask mandate for children in school. However, the state is not asking the legislature to extend the mandate requiring executive branch state employees to be vaccinated or to submit to weekly testing.

"We have not asked for that to be continued," Lamont said. "At this point, the overwhelming majority of our state employees are vaccinated. With that mandate in place, we got a lot of people vaccinated at the last moment."

Lamont's executive order mandating vaccination for long-term care staff, as well as for state hospital employees, will continue and has been expanded to include boosters, chief operating officer Josh Geballe noted.

Through a new executive order announced this week, visitors to nursing homes in the state will be required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a recent negative test, effective Saturday.

"That's how we can keep vour loved ones safe despite the high community spread around the area," Lamont said.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut on Thursday reported 4,805 new COVID-19 cases out of 36,158 tests administered, for a daily



Dr. Andrew Lim, from left, walks to the Bristol Hospital Emergency Department with Theresa Landau and 75-year-old nurse Barbara O'Neill on Jan. 5. As of Thursday, Connecticut reported 1,733 people hospitalized with COVID-19, a decrease of 72 patients since Wednesday as the metric fell to its lowest point since Jan. 5. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

positivity rate of 13.29%, the lowest it has been since late December. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 17%, the lowest it has been Jan. 1.

All eight Connecticut counties are still recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Hospitalizations: As of Thursday, Connecticut reported 1,733 people hospitalized with COVID-19. a decrease of 72 patients since Wednesday as the metric fell to its lowest

point since Jan. 5. Hospital officials say some of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for reasons other than the virus before testing positive upon arrival, but emphasize that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the state, 58.7% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

"What we are seeing, particularly in our ICUs, is that many of the vaccinated people who are there have immunocompromising conditions, are older, are more vulnerable people to begin with," Dr. Manisha Juthani, the commissioner of the State Department of Public Health, said of hospitalized patients who are fully vaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut

reported 241 additional COVID-19 deaths on Thursday, bringing its total during the pandemic to 9,683.

The United States has now recorded 859,503 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Thursday, 91.5% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 75.9% of all residents and 84.5% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 48.6% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses. likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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Biden said Thursday that "Russia has a long history of using measures other than overt military action to carry out aggression - paramilitary tactics, so-called gray zone attacks and actions by Russian soldiers not wearing Russian uniforms."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was among those expressing concern about Biden's "minor incursion" remark.

"We want to remind the great powers that there are no minor incursions and small nations. Just as there are no minor casualties and little grief from the loss of

loved ones," he tweeted. Earlier, Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned that there would be a "swift, severe" response from the United States and its allies if Russia sent military forces into Ukraine.

Later, Blinken accused Russia of threatening the foundations of world order with its estimated 100,000 troops near Ukraine. He said Russia must face a severe global response if it invades.

His speech came in Berlin, the city that symbolized the Cold War split between East and West, as Blinken prepares to meet Friday in Geneva with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in a bid to ease tensions that appears likely to fail.

"These are difficult issues we are facing, and resolving them won't happen quickly," Blinken said Thursday. "I certainly don't expect we'll



A Ukrainian soldier walks on the line of separation from pro-Russian rebels in Ukraine on Thursday. ANDRIY DUBCHAK/AP

solve them in Geneva tomor-

He said Russia's actions toward Ukraine are an attempt to subvert international norms and just the latest in a string of Moscow's violations of numerous treaties, agreements and other commitments it has made to respect the sovereignty and terri-

tory of other countries. "To allow Russia to violate those principles with impunity would drag us all back to a much more dangerous and unstable time, when this continent — and this city were split in two, separated

by no-man's-lands patrolled by soldiers, with the threat of all-out war hanging heavily over everyone's lives." Blinken said. "It would also send a message to others around the world that these principles are expendable.

"We will not treat the principles of sovereignty or territorial integrity as negotiable," he added.

The speech came after Blinken and top diplomats from Britain, France and Germany met to project a united front over concerns that Russia may be planning to invade Ukraine.

Blinken stressed that the

U.S. and its partners were united, noting that American diplomats have held more than 100 meetings with allies in recent weeks "to ensure that we are speaking and acting together with one voice when it comes to Russia."

Russia denies it is planning an invasion and accused the West of plotting "provocations" in Ukraine, citing the delivery of weapons to the country by British military transports in recent

days. Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova alleged Ukrainian and Western talk of an imminent Russian attack was a "cover for staging large-scale provocations of their own."

Russia wants binding security guarantees, including a permanent prohibition on Ukrainian membership in NATO, to which Kyiv aspires, and the removal of most of the U.S. and allied military presence in eastern Europe.

The U.S. and its European partners say they are willing to consider certain less-dramatic gestures but that the Russian demands are out of the question and that Putin

knows they are nonstarters. That, Blinken said, is proof of Putin's ulterior motive.

"So far, our good-faith gestures have been rebuffed - because, in truth, this crisis is not primarily about weapons or military bases," he said. "It's about the sovereignty and self-determination of Ukraine and other post-Soviet states. And at its core, it's about Russia's rejection of a post-Cold War Europe that is whole and free."

Russia on Thursday announced sweeping naval maneuvers through February, some apparently in the Black Sea, involving over 140 warships and more than 60 aircraft.

Separately, Spain's defense minister said the country was sending two warships to the Black Sea with NATO approval.

Amid concerns that Putin may not be moved by threats of sanctions and that an invasion will not draw as strong an international response as the U.S. believes is warranted, Blinken made a direct appeal to the Russian people to oppose any intervention.

You deserve to live with security and dignity, like all people everywhere, and no one — not Ukraine, not the United States, not the countries of NATO — is seeking to jeopardize that. But what really risks your security is a pointless war with your neighbors in Ukraine, with all the costs that come with it — most of all, for the young people who will risk or even give their lives to it," he said.

WORLD NATION

Jan. 6. panel calls on Ivanka Trump

House committee reaches out about riot conversations

By Jill Colvin and Farnoush Amiri Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The House committee investigating the U.S. Capitol insurrection is asking Ivanka Trump, daughter of former President Donald Trump, to voluntarily cooperate as lawmakers make their first public attempt to arrange an interview with a Trump family member.

The committee sent a letter Thursday requesting a meeting in February with Ivanka Trump, a White House adviser to her father. In the letter, the committee chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said Ivanka Trump was in direct contact with her father during key moments on Jan. 6, 2021, when Trump supporters stormed the Capitol in an effort to halt the congressional certification of Joe Biden's presidential win

The riot followed a rally near the White House where Donald Trump had urged his supporters to "fight like hell" as Congress convened to certify the 2020 election results.

The committee says it wants to discuss what Ivanka Trump knew about her father's efforts, including a telephone call they say she witnessed, to pressure then-Vice President Mike Pence to reject those results, as well as concerns she may have heard from Pence's staff, members of Congress and the White House counsel's office about those efforts.



The panel has asked Ivanka Trump to voluntarily cooperate with the riot investigation. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP 2020

"Ivanka Trump just learned that the January 6 Committee issued a public letter asking her to appear," her spokesperson said. "As the Committee already knows, Ivanka did not speak at the January 6 rally."

The committee cited testimony that Ivanka Trump implored her father to quell the violence by his supporters and investigators want to ask about her actions during the insurrection.

"Testimony obtained by the Committee indicates that members of the White House staff requested your assistance on multiple occasions to intervene in an attempt to persuade President Trump to address the ongoing lawlessness and violence on Capitol Hill," Thompson wrote.

The letter is the committee's first attempt to seek information from inside the Trump family.

Earlier this week, it issued subpoenas to lawyer Rudy Giuliani and other members of Trump's legal team who filed meritless court challenges to the election that fueled the lie that the race had been stolen from Trump.

The committee is narrowing in on three requests to Ivanka Trump, starting with a conversation alleged to have taken place between Donald Trump and Pence on the morning of the attack. The committee said Keith Kellogg, a retired lieutenant general who was Pence's national security adviser, was also in the room and testified to investigators that Donald Trump questioned whether Pence had the courage to delay the congressional counting of the electoral votes.

The Constitution makes clear that a vice president's role is largely ceremonial in the certification process, and Pence had issued a statement before the congressional session that laid out his conclusion that a vice president could not claim "unilateral authority" to reject states' electoral votes.

"You were present in the

Oval Office and observed at least one side of that telephone conversation," the letter to Ivanka Trump said, adding that the committee "wishes to discuss the part of the conversation you observed" between the

then-president and Pence. "The committee has information suggesting that President Trump's White House counsel may have concluded that the actions President Trump directed Vice President Pence to take would violate the Constitution or would be otherwise illegal," Thompson wrote. "Did you discuss those issues with any member of the White House Counsel's Office?"

In the letter, Thompson

also wrote that investigators had received information from Kellogg about Donald Trump's refusal to condemn the violence, despite White House officials and even Republican members of Congress urging him to do

Kellogg testified that Donald Trump had rejected entreaties by him as well as Mark Meadows, his chief of staff, and Kayleigh McEnany, the White House press secretary. Kellogg then appealed to Ivanka Trump to intervene.

The letter also mentioned a message, in the days before the scheduled vote certification between an unidentified member of the House Freedom Caucus to Meadows with an explicit warning: "If POTUS allows this to occur ... we're driving a stake in the heart of the federal

POTUS is an abbreviation for president of the United

The other requests in the letter to Ivanka Trump concern conversations after Donald Trump's tweeted, "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Consti-

The panel also revealed that Kellogg told investigators he had recommended "very strongly" against the president speaking on live television because his "press conferences tend to get out of control."

The panel says it has interviewed nearly 400 people and issued dozens of subpoenas as it prepares a report for release before the midterm elections.

The New York Times contributed.

Special grand jury sought in Trump election probe

Georgia prosecutor looking at the effort to overturn results

By Kate Brumback Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Georgia prosecutor looking into possible attempts to interfere in the 2020 general election by former President Donald Trump and others has asked for a special grand jury to aid the investigation.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis on Thursday sent a letter to Fulton County Superior Court Chief Judge Christopher Brasher asking him to impanel a special grand jury. She wrote in the letter that her office "has received information indicating a reasonable probability that the State of Georgia's administration of elections in 2020, including the State's election of the President of the United States, was subject to possible criminal disruptions."

Willis has declined to speak about the specifics of her investigation, but in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this month she confirmed that its scope includes — but is not limited to — a Jan. 2, 2021, phone call between Trump and Geor-

gia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, a November 2020 phone call between Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Raffensperger, the abrupt resignation of the U.S. attorney in Atlanta on Jan. 4, 2021, and comments made during December 2020 Georgia legislative committee hearings on the election.

A Trump spokesman has previously dismissed the investigation as a politically motivated "witch hunt." Graham has also denied any wrongdoing.

In a statement Thursday, Trump said his call to Raffensperger was "perfect."

"I didn't say anything wrong in the call, made while I was President on behalf of the United States of America, to look into the massive voter fraud which took place in Georgia," Trump said. He ended his statement by saying, "No more political witch hunts!"

Federal and state officials have repeatedly said there was no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Georgia or elsewhere in the country during the 2020 election.

An AP investigation into cases of potential voter fraud in Georgia and the five other battleground states where Trump disputed his loss to President Joe Biden found

fewer than 500 cases. In Georgia, officials identified 64 potential voter fraud cases, representing 0.54% of Biden's margin of victory in the state. Of those. 31 were determined to be the result of an administrative error or some other mistake.

Willis' office has tried to interview multiple witnesses and gather evidence, but some witnesses and prospective witnesses have refused to cooperate without a subpoena, she wrote in the letter to Brasher.

For example, Willis wrote in the letter that Raffensperger, whom she calls an "essential witness," has "indicated that he will not participate in an interview or otherwise offer evidence until he is presented with a subpoena by my office."

A special grand jury would have the power to subpoena witnesses.

When asked by email whether Raffensperger would decline to participate without a subpoena, a spokesman sent a transcript of Raffensperger's Thursday appearance on Fox News. Raffensperger said his office has cooperated, sending Willis' team anything they've requested, and that he would follow the law



Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis is requesting a special grand jury to aid in her investigation of former President Trump. ALYSSA POINTER/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

and comply if compelled to appear before a grand jury, according to the transcript.

Special grand juries can help in the investigation of complex matters. They do not have the power to return an indictment but can make recommendations to prosecutors on criminal prose-

Willis said the special grand jury is needed because it can serve a term longer than a normal grand jury term. It would also be able to focus on this investigation, allowing it to focus on the complex facts and circumstances. And having a special grand jury would mean that the regular seated grand jury wouldn't have to deal with this investigation in addition to their regular duties, she wrote.

She also asked that a superior court judge be appointed to assist and supervise the special grand jury in its investigation.

Willis, who took office in January 2021, sent letters to top elected officials in Georgia in February instructing them to preserve any records related to the general election, particularly any evidence of attempts to influence election officials.

The probe includes potential violations of Georgia law prohibiting the solicitation of election fraud, the making of false statements to state and local government bodies, conspiracy, racketeering, violation of oath of office and any involvement in violence or threats related to the election's administration," the letters said.

Willis has said that a decision on whether to seek charges could come in the first half of the year.

Surgeons prepare to transplant kidneys from a modified pig into a body. UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM 2021

Ala. surgeons test pig kidneys in donated body

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press

Researchers on Thursday reported the latest in a surprising string of experiments in the quest to save human lives with organs from genetically modified

This time around, surgeons in Alabama transplanted a pig's kidneys into a brain-dead man — a step-bystep rehearsal for an operation they hope to try in living patients possibly later this

"The organ shortage is in fact an unmitigated crisis and we've never had a real solution to it," said Dr. Jayme Locke of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who led the newest study and aims to begin a clinical trial of pig kidney trans-

Twice this fall, surgeons at New York University temporarily attached a pig's kidney to blood vessels outside the body of a deceased recipient to watch them work. And

earlier this month, surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical Center gave a dying man a heart from a gene-edited pig that is keep-

ing him alive. But scientists still needed to learn more about how to test such transplants without risking a patient's life. With the help of a family who donated a loved one's body for science, Locke mimicked the way human organ transplants are done from removing the pig "donor" kidneys to sewing them inside the deceased man's abdomen.

For a little over three days, until the man's body was removed from life support, the pair of pig kidneys survived with no sign of immediate rejection, her team reported Thursday in the American Journal of Transplantation.

The research was conducted in September after the 57-year-old Alabama man was declared brain-dead from a dirt bike racing accident.

WORLD & NATION

Wealth collides with climate change

Penalties for water waste reach those in Calif. enclave

By Kathleen Ronayne Associated Press

In a wealthy California enclave that is a haven for celebrities, residents are now facing more aggressive consequences for wasting water.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District northwest of Los Angeles hopes to spur water savings by making it easier to fine households that go over their allotted "water budgets" and threatening to vastly limit water flow to customers who repeatedly fail to conserve.

The district offers a bold example of how local authorities across drought-stricken California are trying to get people to use less water, voluntarily if possible but with the threat of punishment if they don't comply. Las Virgenes officials hope their approach will be a wakeup call for residents of the affluent neighborhoods, where most of the water goes toward use like landscaping and pools.

"What we're trying to do is conserve water now so that we can stretch the limited supplies we have available," said Dave Pederson, the district's general manager.

California is feeling the effects of climate change; it has had drought conditions for most of the last decade and during that period endured its most destructive and deadly wildfires. After two exceptionally dry years that left the state's reservoirs at or near record lows. a string of recent winter storms improved conditions. But most of the state is still in severe drought.

In July, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom asked residents to voluntarily cut 15% of their water use, but it declined only 6% as of November. The state water board last month imposed



A representative from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District in California installs an advanced water metering system this month. JAEC. HONG/AP

mild restrictions, such as waiting two days after a storm to water lawns. It could take more significant steps later in the year.

In California, local districts provide water service, regulate use and enforce penalties. Las Virgenes serves about 75,000 people in Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Calabasas and Hidden Hills, an area that in recent years has attracted a growing number of celebrities, including Kim Kardashian.

Like much of inland Southern California, Las Virgenes rarely sees rain outside the winter months, and during summer the average high temperature is in the mid-90s Fahrenheit. It's wealthier than most places — a typical home in Calabasas sells for more than \$1.5 million. according to the online real estate marketplace Zillow.

Despite calls for conservation, water customers there increased use in August and September, then exceeded the 15% reduction goal in October before again missing the target in November.

One of the district's biggest issues is "the ability for affluent customers to significantly exceed their water budgets consistently since money is not a deterrent," said Michael McNutt, the district's spokesman. He declined to name the district's biggest water users.

Due to dry conditions, California regulators said in December they would not provide any water from state supplies beyond what was needed for essentials like drinking and bathing. That could change in the coming months, but allocations likely won't go up significantly unless it's a very wet winter. The uncertainty is

particularly stressful for Las Virgenes, which gets about 80% of its water from state supplies.

The district's new approach to spur conservation is part carrot, part stick: The agency is installing an advanced water metering system that will show customers in real time how much water they're using. It's designed to help people spot when they are exceeding the limit and adjust their behavior, rather than waiting until the monthly bill arrives to realize they overused. They'll be installed district-wide by April except for customers who opt out, which few have done.

Every household has a 'water budget," something used by many California water districts, based on the number of residents and property size. Starting this

month, customers will face fines if they go 150% over their monthly budget. Previously, the fine threshold kicked in at 200%, and about 15% of the district's customers were fined, Pederson said. People get only a warning the first time they go over budget.

Households fined three times could have a flow restrictor put on their water system, slowing what comes out of their faucets or hoses to a trickle. Previously, the district could add the restrictors after five fines but never

Las Virgenes' approach of advanced metering, fines and the threat of flow restrictors, stands out among the state's more than 400 medium to large water agencies, he said. Only a few dozen districts have the advanced metering systems because they are

expensive to install, and few use penalties against residents who overuse. Instead, many districts increase the cost of water as customers use more.

Such a method alters behavior for some but is not very effective at changing it for wealthy people, he said. Las Virgenes also uses such a structure, then adds penalties on top.

It's even rarer for a district to threaten flow restrictors, which are typically reserved for customers who consistently don't pay their bills.

Las Virgenes doesn't want to be heavy-handed with fines or restrictors, said Pederson, the general manager. Fines start at \$2.50 and go as high as \$10 for every 748 gallons over the 150% threshold. The average house in the district uses 19,448 gallons of water



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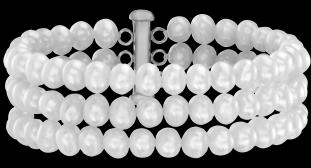
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New trial? Maxwell faces big hurdle

Judge can't ask what went on in jury room following revelations

By Benjamin Weiser The New York Times

NEW YORK - The judge was questioning potential jurors for the Ghislaine Maxwell sex-trafficking trial when she asked a 35-year-old Manhattan man, identified as Juror 50, whether he had any doubt about his ability to be fair to both sides.

"No," Juror 50 replied. The judge pressed him: Did he have any reason to think he could not be

impartial? "I do not," replied the man, who ended up as a member of the jury that convicted Maxwell on five of six counts she faced.

But revelations in the media that Juror 50 and a second juror each disclosed personal histories of childhood sexual abuse to their fellow jurors during deliberations have clouded the verdict.

Maxwell's lawyers, citing Juror 50's comments in the media, have said they will seek a new trial. The judge, Alison Nathan of U.S. District Court, has asked both sides for their views on whether a court inquiry is appropriate, and, if so, what its nature should be.

In trying to assess the effect of the jury room disclosures that Juror 50 described in the media — and potentially those of the second juror as well – the judge is likely to be blocked by one of the legal system's most stringent and time-honored rules: She cannot ask the jurors what happened during their deliberations. And the jurors are not allowed to tell her.

Even though jurors may speak to the media or write about their experiences, the Supreme Court has held that any jurors' statements or



A courtroom artist's sketch of the jury during Ghislaine Maxwell's sex-trafficking trial. Maxwell was convicted on five of six counts. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS 2021

testimony about the inner workings of deliberations cannot be used by lawyers challenging a verdict, or by a judge deciding whether to overturn it.

The only exception, the Supreme Court has said, is where overt statements during deliberations show a juror was motivated by racial animus in voting to

"The court has been extraordinarily protective of the jury as a black box," said Richard Jolly, a law professor at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles who has written extensively about the jury system. "We really don't want a court to scrutinize every juror's considerations. We don't want the court to dig in and start policing how the jury

is reaching its verdict.
"These 12 people show
up, they do their job, they go home.'

The jurors in the Maxwell trial heard testimony over three weeks showing she helped disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein entice, groom and sexually abuse teenage girls.

The jurors, whose names were not made public by the court, deliberated for five days. They sent out notes with questions for the judge and requests for copies of transcripts before announcing their verdict Dec. 29.

A few days later, Juror 50 revealed in an Instagram post that he had participated as a juror in the trial. The post has since been taken down.) In interviews with several news outlets, Juror 50 said he was proud of the verdict and that he had found the four women who testified about being childhood victims of Maxwell to be credible.

He also revealed that during deliberations, he had disclosed that he had been sexually abused as a child and had not revealed that abuse until years later. He also explained to his fellow jurors that he could not remember every detail of his abuse, but that did not mean it had not occurred. The jury room "went

silent" as he told his story, Juror 50 said in an interview with DailyMail.com. A second juror, in an

interview with The New York Times, also described being sexually abused as a child and discussing that experience during jury deliberations. The juror, who requested anonymity, said the disclosure appeared to help influence the jury's discussions.

Despite the broad prohibition on delving into the jury's deliberations, Nathan could examine how the two jurors responded to detailed questionnaires that hundreds of prospective jurors filled out before trial. The parties relied on the responses to decide whether to seek to exclude iurors for various reasons like bias.

Juror 50 told Reuters that he "flew through" the questionnaire and did not recall being asked about his personal experiences with

sexual abuse. He said he would have answered such questions honestly, Reuters reported. It is not known how the second juror filled out the questionnaire.

Both Juror 50 and the second juror were called for a second round of jury selection, where Nathan, drawing in part on their responses to the question-naire, conducted questioning known as voir dire. Neither of the jurors was asked whether they had been abused sexually or volunteered that they had been during the voir dire.

Legal experts said Nathan will have to determine whether the defense, had it known of the two jurors' histories, could have successfully challenged them "for cause" - because they could not be impartial.

Moira Penza, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn, said it would be difficult for Nathan not to order a new trial if any juror intentionally lied.

"If, on the other hand, the

juror says that this was a mistake, that he missed the question, that he misunderstood the question," Penza said, "then you could have an inquiry from Judge Nathan about whether that juror was still fair and

impartial." Was that juror still willing to follow the court's instructions? Was that juror still going in with an open mind?" Penza added.

Stephen Gillers, who teaches legal ethics at New York University School of Law, said that if either juror had failed to reveal their abuse history in the questionnaire, Nathan would want to know the answer to the question that "she would have asked" had the jurors filled out the questionnaires accurately.

"If it was intentional, that counts against the juror," Gillers said. "If it was a mistake or overlooked, then that counts in favor of crediting the juror if he now says it didn't affect my deliberation at all."



last Saturday's volcanic eruption. LACW EMMA SCHWENKE/AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE FORCE

Aid starts to arrive in Tonga after major volcanic eruption

By Nick Perry Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The first flights carrying fresh water and other aid to Tonga finally arrived Thursday after the Pacific nation's main airport runway was cleared of ash left by a huge volcanic erup-

New Zealand and Australia each sent military transport planes that were carrying water containers, kits for temporary shelters, generators, hygiene supplies and communica-

tions equipment.
The deliveries were dropped off without the military personnel coming in contact with people as Tonga is desperate to make sure foreigners don't bring in the coronavirus. It has not had any outbreaks of COVID-19 and has reported one case since the pandemic

Rear Adm. James Gilmour, the commander of New Zealand's Joint Forces, said there had been a "mammoth effort" by Tongan troops "to clear that runway by hand. And they've achieved that this afternoon."

Japan also said it was

sending emergency relief, including drinking water and equipment for cleaning away volcanic ash. Two C-130 Hercules aircraft left Thursday evening, and a transport vessel carrying two CH-47 Chinook helicopters will depart as soon as it is ready, the Defense Ministry said.

U.N. humanitarian officials report that about 84,000 people — more than 80% of Tonga's population — have been impacted by the volcano's eruption, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said, noting three deaths, injuries, loss of homes and polluted water.

Communications with Tonga remain limited after Saturday's eruption and tsunami appeared to have broken the single fiber-optic cable that connects Tonga with the rest of the world.

One phone company, Digicel, said Thursday it had managed to restore the ability to make international calls from some places by using a satellite link, but that people would need to be patient due to high demand.

A navy patrol ship from New Zealand was also expected to arrive later Thursday. It is carrying hydrographic equipment and divers, and also has a helicopter to assist with delivering supplies.

Officials said the ship's first task would be to check shipping channels and the structural integrity of the wharf in the capital, Nuku'alofa.

Another New Zealand navy ship carrying 66,000 gallons of water is on its way. The ship can also produce tens of thousands of gallons of fresh water each day using a desalination plant.

Three of Tonga's smaller islands suffered serious damage from tsunami waves, officials and the Red Cross said.

The U.N.'s Dujarric said "all houses have apparently been destroyed on the island of Mango and only two houses remain on Fonoifua island, with extensive damage reported on Nomuka." He said evacuations are underway for people from the islands.

According to Tongan census figures, Mango is home to 36 people, Fonoifua is home to 69 people, and Nomuka to 239.

Schumer notes gains despite setback on voting legislation

By Lisa Mascaro Associated Press

WASHINGTON Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Thursday that Democrats "made progress" toward changing the Senate's filibuster rules to advance sweeping voting legislation, despite the dramatic collapse of the package that his party says is central to protecting

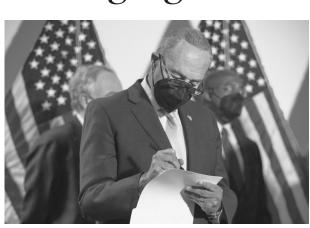
democracy. From his office overlooking the National Mall with portraits of the Roosevelts above his desk — Franklin on one side, Theodore on the other — Schumer took stock of what was widely seen as a striking setback for President Joe Biden on his first anniversary in office as the Democrats' signature

voting bill unraveled. "If the choice was to go forward or not go forward, we're much better off having gone forward,"

Schumer said. The legislation has been one of the party's top priorities in Congress since Democrats gained control of both houses and the White House, bringing unified party power to

Washington. The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act is seen by party leaders and civil rights advocates as essential to protecting the right to vote as Republican-led states nationwide put in place laws that will make it more difficult for Black Americans and others to cast ballots. States are curbing early voting and mail-in ballots, both popular during the COVID-19 pandemic, and requiring various types of voter identification, among other changes.

Schumer, D-N.Y., who is in his first term as majority leader, has been under pressure to deliver the voting package as it languished in Congress, an uphill struggle in the evenly split Senate that by many accounts appeared doomed to fail.



Sen. Chuck Schumer takes stock of the party's progress toward changing filibuster rules to advance voting legislation during a news conference. AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/AP

He didn't have the votes to overcome a Republican filibuster, as all 50 GOP senators lined up against the package, criticizing it as federal overreach into staterun elections.

Then the bill was dealt a devastating blow when two Democratic senators, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, refused to change the party's rules in this one case to overcome the filibuster's 60-vote threshold and allow passage with a

simple majority. Meanwhile, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky drew criticism for comments he made shortly before the GOP blocked the federal elections bill, when he said "African American" voters cast ballots at similar rates to "Americans."

The minority leader made the remark Wednesday at a news conference in Washington when he was asked about concerns that people of color have about voting rights.

"The concern is misplaced because if you look at the statistics, African American voters are voting in just as high a percentage as Americans," McConnell said.

The comment implied that Black voters are somehow not American and underscored the concerns of voting rights advocates that Republicans in state legislatures across the country are explicitly seeking to disenfranchise Black voters. The timing was also notable, coming the same day that McConnell engineered a filibuster to block voting legislation that Democrats and civil rights leaders say is vital to protecting democ-

In follow-up remarks Thursday, McConnell said: "I have consistently pointed to the record-high turnout for all voters in the 2020 election, including African Americans."

Back in Kentucky, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Charles Booker tweeted, "Being Black doesn't make you less of an American, no matter what this craven man thinks." Booker, who is Black, unsuccessfully ran for McConnell's seat in 2020 and is challenging GOP Sen. Rand Paul this

McConnell's supporters called it an unfair attack, saying he simply left out a word and meant to say that Black people vote at similar rates to "all" Americans. Black voters do cast ballots at about the same rate as all voters, falling in between Latinos, who are less likely to go to the polls than African Americans, and whites. who are more likely to go to the polls.

NEWS BRIEFING

Call recording reveals brother pleading with Texas hostage-taker

From news services

LONDON — A British man who held four people hostage in a Texas synagogue ranted against Jews and American wars in countries like Afghanistan as his brother pleaded with him to give up and free the captives, a recording of the conversation shows.

In the expletive-filled recording posted on the website of The Jewish Chronicle, 44-year-old Malik Faisal Akram said he was "bombed up" and equipped with "every ammunition" as he talked to his brother Saturday from inside Congregation Beth Israel in the Dallas suburb of Colleyville.

Gulbar Akram urged his brother to lay down his weapons and return to his children alive.

"You don't need to do this. Why are you doing this?" he said. "Just pack it in. You'll do a bit of time, and then you'll get out.

"These guys you've got there, they're innocent people, man," he said.

people, man," he said.

Malik Akram became increasingly agitated and said he hoped U.S. authorities would take notice of the Jewish hostages and agree to his demand that they release Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani neuroscientist convicted of trying to kill U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

Akram said he had prayed about the attack for two years. He said he was ready to become a martyr and that his children shouldn't cry at his funeral.

"I promised my brother when I watched him on his deathbed that I'd go down as a martyr," he said at one point.

One of his younger brothers, who contracted COVID-19, died a few months ago.

"I've come to die, G, OK?" the hostage-taker told his brother. "I've prayed to Allah for two years for this ... I'm coming back in a body bag."

Saturday's 10-hour standoff at the synagogue ended after the last hostage ran out of the synagogue and an FBI SWAT team rushed in.

Akram was killed, though authorities have declined to say who shot him.

The Chronicle said the recording was part of a longer 11 ½-minute recording that it obtained from a "security source." The Associated Press was not able to independently confirm the authenticity of the recording, but experts believe it to be genuine.

Report faults retired pope:

A long-awaited report on sexual abuse in Germany's Munich diocese on Thursday faulted retired Pope Benedict XVI's handling of four cases when he was archbishop in the 1970s and 1980s.

The law firm that drew up the report said Benedict strongly denies any wrongdoing. The archdiocese commissioned the report from law firm Westpfahl Spilker Wastl nearly two years ago, with a mandate to look into abuse between 1945 and 2019 and whether church officials handled allegations correctly. The law firm examined church files and spoke to witnesses.

Church officials weren't informed of the results ahead of publication. The current archbishop—Cardinal Reinhard Marx, a prominent reformist ally of Pope Francis—was faulted in two cases.

Marx's predecessors include the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who served in Munich from 1977 to 1982 before becoming head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and later being elected pope.

George Floyd: A jury was picked Thursday for the federal trial of three Minneapolis police officers charged



Teenage pilot Zara Rutherford reacts Thursday after landing her ultralight plane at an airport in Kortrijk, Belgium. The 19-year-old set a world record as the youngest woman to fly solo around the world. The record had been held since 2017 by Shaesta Waiz, a 30-year-old American pilot. Rutherford visited 41 nations on five continents over 155 days. **GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/AP**

in George Floyd's killing, with the judge stressing repeatedly that fellow Officer Derek Chauvin's conviction on state murder charges and guilty plea to a federal civil rights violation should not influence the proceedings.

J. Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao are broadly charged with depriving Floyd of his civil rights while acting under government authority as Chauvin used his knee to pin the Black man to the street in May of 2020. Separately, they're charged in state court with aiding and abetting both murder and manslaughter in the videotaped killing that triggered worldwide protests, violence and a reexamination of racism and policing.

Jury selection took just one day for the federal trial. The judge said opening state-

ments would be Monday. **Austria vaccine mandate:**Austria's parliament voted
Thursday to introduce a

COVID-19 vaccine mandate

for adults starting Feb. 1 with maximum potential fines of up to \$4,000 for people who don't comply after a series of reminders.

The measure will apply to all residents of Austria age 18 and over. Exemptions are made for pregnant women, people who for medical reasons can't be vaccinated, or who have recovered from the coronavirus in the previous six months.

Officials say the mandate is necessary because vaccination rates remain too low in the small Alpine country. They say the mandate will ensure that Austria's hospitals are not overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients.

'Havana syndrome': The CIA believes it is unlikely that Russia or another foreign adversary has used microwaves or other forms of directed energy to attack hundreds of American officials who attribute symptoms associated with brain injuries to what's come to be known

as "Havana syndrome."

Investigators have studied hundreds of cases reported globally by U.S. intelligence officers, diplomats and military personnel and whether the injuries are caused by exposure to forms of directed energy.

People affected have reported headaches, dizziness, nausea and other symptoms consistent with traumatic brain injuries.

Most cases under review by intelligence officers have been linked to other known medical conditions or to environmental factors, an official said, adding that in some cases, medical exams have revealed undiagnosed brain tumors or bacterial infections

A few dozen cases are unresolved and remain under active investigation, the official said.

The involvement of a foreign adversary has not been ruled out in those unsolved cases.

"Havana syndrome" cases

date to a series of reported brain injuries in 2016 at the U.S. Embassy in Cuba.

MIT professor case: The Justice Department dropped its case Thursday against a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor accused of concealing ties to the Chinese government.

The department revealed its decision in the case against Gang Chen in a single-page filing in federal court in Boston, saying it could no longer meet its burden of proof.

The outcome, which had been expected and earlier recommended by prosecutors in Boston, is a blow to a Justice Department effort known as the China Initiative, which was set up in 2018 to crack down on Chinese economic espionage and trade secret theft.

Chen, a mechanical engineering professor at MIT, was arrested in the final days of the Trump administration and charged last year.

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American Airlines loses \$931M in fourth quarter

Incoming CEO says omicron hurting bookings, will delay carrier's recovery

By David Koenig Associated Press

DALLAS - American Airlines lost \$931 million in the fourth quarter and the incoming CEO said Thursday that the surge in COVID-19 will delay the airline's recovery by two or three months.

First-quarter revenue is expected to be down about 20% to 22% compared with the first quarter of 2019, and it will fly slightly less than it did two years ago, the airline

That outlook roughly matches what other airlines are saying.

The rise in virus cases fueled by the omicron variant is hurting bookings, but airlines remain upbeat about spring and summer travel.

Robert Isom, who will take over as CEO after Doug Parker steps down March 31, said the airline expects to return to profitability later this year.

Isom said omicron has especially crimped business and international travel, which are more important in times of the

year — including January and February when leisure travel tends to be light. Corporate travel is just 40% of its pre-pandemic level, he said.

Parker, who will remain chairman after retiring as CEO, said over the past year that American has swung from periods of high travel demand followed by declines as new variants of COVID-19 emerged, which makes the airline's job of planning more difficult than ever before.

The airlines saw strong demand from holiday travelers at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but as the year ended they were struggling with staffing shortages caused by omicron. The combination of winter storms and employees calling in sick led to thousands of flight cancellations in late December and early January, although American grounded fewer flights than Southwest, United or Delta.

After encouraging thousands of employees to quit or take long-term leave in 2020, American hired 16,000 people last year and plans to hire 18,000 this year.

That hiring is based on the expecta-

tion that the COVID-19 surge passes soon enough for travelers to get back on planes this spring and summer.

Helane Becker, an airline analyst for Cowen, said domestic leisure travel is above 2019 levels, but the virus is holding back lucrative international travel.

'Consumers have a difficult time booking international trips with any certainty given changing rules and testing mandates," Becker said in a note to clients.

American's fourth-quarter loss compared with a loss of nearly \$2.2 billion a year earlier. Excluding certain items, the Fort Worth, Texas-based company said it would have lost \$1.42 per share. Revenue was \$9.43 billion, more than

double a year earlier and slightly above the \$9.34 billion forecast from analysts.

American's report came a day after United Airlines reported a \$646 million loss for the fourth quarter and said the omicron surge will cause it to fly less than it hoped in the first half of this year.

Last week, Delta Air Lines posted a \$408 million loss.



Texas-born Princess Rita Jenrette Boncompagni Ludovisi stands beneath a fresco at the Casino dell'Aurora. GREGORIO BORGIA/AP 2021

Historic villa back on block

16th-century house owned by US-born princess features ceiling painted by Caravaggio

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press

ROME - A villa in Rome containing the only known ceiling painted by Caravaggio went on a court-ordered auction block this week, thanks to an inheritance dispute pitting the heirs of one of Rome's aristocratic families against their stepmother, a Texas-born princess.

Princess Rita Jenrette Boncompagni Ludovisi — formerly Rita Carpenter woke up Tuesday in the Casino dell'Aurora surrounded by her dogs on what appeared to be the last day that her home of nearly two decades was hers.

An online auction organized by the Rome tribunal began at 3 p.m. and closed a short time later without a winner. The starting bid was \$400 million, and the villa just off the famous Via Veneto was assigned a court-appraised value of \$533 million.

The villa will go up for auction two more times at lower prices, and the Italian Culture Ministry can try to match the highest bid at any stage. The next round is scheduled for April 7.

"It's been emotional since I received the notice from the judge on Sept. 2. I've rarely slept," Boncompagni Ludovisi said before the auction. "It's like going through the stages of death and dying. ... You're angry at first, and then you can't believe it, and then you finally go into a point of accepting it."

The house, built in 1570, has been in the Ludovisi family since the early 1600s. After Prince Nicolo Boncompagni Ludovisi died in 2018, the villa became the subject of an inheritance dispute between the children from his first marriage and his third wife, Princess Rita.

The villa, also known as Villa Ludovisi, was one of 42 lots up for court-ordered auction Tuesday but was by far the most prestigious and expensive, thanks to the Caravaggio that graces a tiny room off a spiral staircase on the second floor.

It was commissioned in 1597 by a diplomat and patron of the arts who asked the then-young painter to decorate the ceiling of the small room being used as an alchemy workshop. The 9-foot wide mural, which depicts Jupiter, Pluto and Neptune, is unusual: It's not a fresco, but rather oil on plaster, and represents the only ceiling mural that Caravaggio is known to have

"It's probably the first work of Caravaggio's that we know of, so historically, it's a really a milestone," said Claudio Strinati, an art historian and Caravaggio expert. "It's a beautiful piece about a mythological theme, which is rare in Caravaggio's art."

The listing on the Rome tribunal's auction site highlights the Caravaggio among the home's other attributes, but notes the villa will need an estimated \$12.5 million in renovations to comply with current building standards.

The American princess, who previously was married to former U.S. Rep. John Jenrette Jr. of South Carolina, married Boncompagni Ludovisi in 2009. At the time, the villa had fallen into disrepair, and her husband only used it as an office.

Together, they tried to renovate it as best they could. They opened the house up to visiting students and tour groups and hosted dinners to bring in revenue, and thanks to funding from Rutgers University helped to digitize the family archives.

Boncompagni Ludovisi doesn't know what will come next. With no immediate buyer, she has more time in the villa but assumes eventually she'll have to move out.

"It was really such a privilege to live here," she said. "Even when all the pipes

US jobless claims reach highest level in 3 months

By Paul Wiseman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits rose to the highest level in three months as the fast-spreading omicron variant continued to disrupt the job market.

Jobless claims rose for the third consecutive week — by 55,000 to 286,000, highest since mid-October, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The jump in claims marked the biggest one-week increase since mid-July.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out weekly volatility, rose by 20,000 to 231,000, highest since late November. Economists said that last week's unem-

ployment claims may have been inflated by the Labor Department's attempts to tweak the numbers to account for seasonal variations; unadjusted, applications fell last week by more than 83,000.

We could see one more week of notably higher claims before they should top out," analysts with Contingent Macro Advisors predicted. "This bears close watching going

The Federal Reserve might reconsider plans to ease its massive support for the U.S. economy if claims stay above 250,000 as the Fed's March policy meeting approaches, Contingent analysts said.

While the fast-moving omicron variant may cause less severe disease on average, COVID-19 deaths in the country are climbing, and modelers forecast 50,000 to 300,000 more Americans could die by the time the latest coronavirus wave subsides in mid-March.

The seven-day rolling average for daily new COVID-19 deaths in the country has been trending upward since mid-November, reaching nearly 1,800 on Jan. 19 — still below the peak of 3,300 in January 2021.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Poorer nations to get Merck pill

GENEVA — A U.N.-backed organization announced Thursday that it has signed agreements with more than two dozen generic drugmakers to produce versions of Merck's COVID-19 pill to supply 105 devel-

Molnupiravir, developed by Merck and Ridgeback Therapeutics, has been reported to cut the hospitalization rate in half among patients with early signs of COVID-19 and can be taken at home. Britain, the European Union and the U.S. authorized its use in recent months.

The Medicines Patent Pool said 27 generic drug manufacturers in 11 countries, including Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Kenya, South Africa and Vietnam, would soon start producing Merck's pill.

US home sales dip 4.6% in Dec.

WASHINGTON — Sales of previously occupied homes fell in December for the first time in four months as many would-be buyers were frustrated by a lack of available houses, which fell to the lowest level in more than two decades.

Existing home sales dropped 4.6% last month from November, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of nearly 6.2 million, the National Association of Realtors said Thursday.

The demand for homes remains healthy, the group said, with median prices jumping nearly 16% from a year ago to \$358,000. Homes sold in an average of 19 days, slightly higher than in the summer. Yet the number of houses for sale fell to 910,000 in December, the fewest since records began in 1999.

Emirates to again fly to US amid 5G dispute

By Jon Gambrell **Associated Press**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Longhaul carrier Emirates said Thursday it will resume its Boeing 777 flights to the U.S. after halting its use of the aircraft there over concerns new 5G services in America could interfere with airplane technology

that measures altitude. International carriers that rely on the wide-body Boeing 777 and similar planes canceled early flights or switched to different planes Wednesday after warnings from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Chicago-based plane maker over possible interference with radio altimeters.

The FAA gave approval late Wednesday

for more types of planes to land in low visibility near 5G signals, including the Boeing

Among the most-affected airlines by the FAA decision was Dubai-based Emirates, a crucial East-West travel airline that flies only the 777 and the double-decker Airbus

Emirates said its Boeing 777 service to Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Miami, Newark, N.J., Orlando, Fla., and Seattle would resume Friday.

Flights to Boston, Houston and San Francisco, which saw Emirates deploy its Airbus A380 jumbo jet, will resume Boeing 777 flights Saturday.

Tim Clark, Emirates president, apologized in a statement to the airline's customers for the disruption.

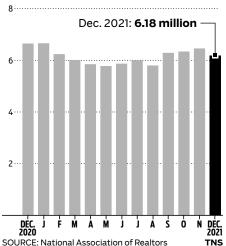
"Safety will always be our top priority, and we will never gamble on this front," Clark said.

However, he added: "We are also very aware that this is a temporary reprieve, and a long-term resolution would be required."

That refers to Verizon and AT&T only temporarily reducing the rollout of 5G near dozens of airports as the FAA assesses which aircraft are safe to fly near the new 5G frequencies and which will need new altimeters.

Similar 5G mobile networks have been deployed in more than three dozen countries, but there are key differences in how the U.S. networks are designed that raised concern of potential problems for airlines.

Existing home sales



BUSINESS



The Trump National Doral resort in the Miami area is the biggest revenue generator among former President Donald Trump's 17 golf properties, MICHELE EVE SANDBERG/GETTY-AFP

Trump planning 2,300 homes at struggling golf resort in Fla.

By Bernard Condon Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump plans to build 2,300 luxury homes at his Doral golf resort in the Miami area, part of a flurry of recent moves to revive a family business suffering from the one-two punch of a divisive presidency and coronavirus shutdowns.

In a news release this week, the 45th president called the plans for his Trump National Doral resort "perhaps the most exciting development in the country" but was short on details such as the size of the homes and what they may cost.

The release said the plans called for the construction of retail and commercial space as well.

The Doral, the biggest revenue generator among Trump's 17 golf properties, has been a drain on the business in recent years.

2019, Trump announced plans to hold the global meeting of Group of Seven leaders at the resort,

a potential big money maker for hosts. But he had to cancel after a bipartisan outcry over self-dealing and a possible violation of a constitutional ban on presidents receiving gifts or payments from foreign leaders.

The resort had hoped to regain ground after the PGA and other organizations pulled events there, but finances have only worsened. Revenue plunged more than by \$33 million over the next two years, down more than 40%, according to financial statements filed with a federal government ethics office. As of last year, the Trump company had \$125 million borrowed on the property.

The Trump Organization did not reply to requests for comment.

The news release had an official U.S. government seal with an American eagle at top — an unusual use given the release was promoting a private business venture. Former presidents can use the seal for matters involving their former office, but are not allowed to profit from it. Under federal law, the seal can only be used for official government busi-

The Trump Organization's plans for Doral are part of a string of recent business moves after months of relative quiet.

In September, several news outlets reported that the company had struck a preliminary deal to sell the lease underlying its Washington, D.C., hotel to Miamibased CGI Merchant Group for \$375 million, much more than many hotel experts had expected for the money-losing property.

In October, Trump announced a new rival to Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms that had banned him after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 last year. The business said it is will give voice to others who've been taken off social media sites as part of "cancel culture."

Last month, it said it had raised \$1 billion from investors and plans to launch the messaging app called Truth Social early this year.

For gamers, Microsoft's deal for Activision raises questions

By Matt O'Brien and Tali Arbel Associated Press

Microsoft stunned the gaming industry when it announced this week it would buy game publisher Activision Blizzard for \$68.7 billion, a deal that would immediately make it a larger video-game company than Nintendo.

Microsoft, maker of the Xbox gaming system, said the deal would be good for gamers and advance its ambitions for the metaverse - a vision for creating immersive virtual worlds for both work and play.

But what the deal will really mean for the millions of people who play video games is unknown at this

Some industry watchers think the deal could benefit gamers if Microsoft maintains its games-for-everybody mission and uses its considerable cash to rescue Activision from its reputation for abandoning favorite game franchises while focusing on a few choice properties.

"Microsoft wants to increase the variety of intellectual property," said Forrester analyst Will McKeon-White. "Their target is anyone and everybody who plays video games and they want to bring that to a wider audience."

He said the "most egregious" example of a popular franchise that Activision, founded in 1979, left by the wayside is "Starcraft," last updated in 2015. Others include "Guitar Hero," the Tony Hawk skateboarding games and "MechWarrior." which McKeon-White said "basically wasn't touched for two decades.'

On the other hand, the prospect of Microsoft controlling so much game content — from "Call of Duty" to "Candy Crush" raised concerns about



People wait to see a demonstration of the game "Call of Duty WWII" by Activision during the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles. DAVID MCNEW/GETTY 2017

whether the company could restrict Activision games from competing consoles.

Microsoft expects to bring as many Activision games as it can to its subscription service Game Pass, "with some presumably becoming Microsoft exclusives," wrote Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter. However, he noted antitrust regulators may not allow Microsoft to keep games off Sony's competing game console, the PlaySta-

One big unknown is will the purchase happen, as regulators and rivals could turn up the pressure to block the deal.

Other tech giants such as Google, Amazon, Apple and Meta — formerly Facebook - have all attracted increasing attention from antitrust regulators in the U.S. and Europe.

Microsoft is already facing delays in its planned \$16 billion acquisition of Massachusetts speech recognition company Nuance because of an investigation by British antitrust regulators.

If the deal fails, Microsoft will owe Activision a "break-up fee" of up to \$3 billion. That prospect should motivate Microsoft to make concessions to antitrust regulators to get it done, said John Freeman, vice president at CFRA Research.

Another potential complication is the controversy that has swirled arround Activision's workplace culture.

The company disclosed last year it was being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission over complaints of workplace discrimination and in September settled claims brought by U.S. workforce discrimination regulators.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella noted in an investor call Tuesday that "the culture of our organization is my No. 1 priority."

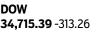
But a union representing technology and gaming workers said that concerns remain about working conditions and should be considered by regulators before any deal is approved.

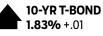
"Activision Blizzard worker concerns must be addressed in any plan acquisition or not — on the future direction of the company," said Christopher Shelton, president of the **Communications Workers** of America.

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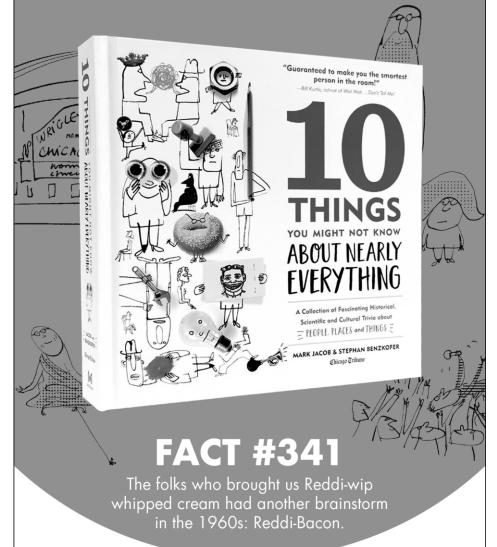
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Ford Motor (F)	21.65	80	+4.2	Travelers Cos (TRV)	165.18	+5.11	+5.6
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.13	17	-20.6	United Rentals (URI)	307.11	19	-7.6
Gen Dynamics (GD)	208.98	-1.38	+.2	US Steel Corp (X)	21.30	-1.29	-10.5
Gen Electric (GE)	98.25	-2.37	+4.0	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	463.00	+.48	-7.8
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Being sick changed my health care views



Ross Douthat

Often around the turn of the year I perform an act of pundit accountability, looking back on the previous year's columns to assess things I got wrong. For this January's edition, though, I'm going to take a different kind of backward glance, and try to answer one of the frequent questions I received when I wrote, last fall, about my experience with chronic illness: Namely, has being sick altered any of my views on health care policy?

Like health policy itself, the answer is complicated.

For an example of my pre-illness views, consider a column I wrote in 2013, in the midst of the endless Obamacare debates. Titled "What Health Insurance Doesn't Do," it looked at evidence from an Oregon study tracing the effects of a Medicaid expansion that happened via lottery, creating a genuine randomization in the population that had the chance to enroll.

The results, after a couple of years, showed that access to Medicaid helped people avoid "catastrophic expenditures" and reduced their depression rates. The program did not, however, seem to have much impact on recipients' physical health. This was a counterintuitive finding but not necessarily a surprising one: From a famous Rand experiment in the 1970s and early 1980s down to a recent National Bureau of Economic Research paper looking at the effects of insurance in India, it's common to get results suggesting that the relationship between health insurance spending and physical health is relatively

With these findings in mind, my 2013 self warned against health insurance profligacy, on the grounds that if we try to provision everyone with comprehensive coverage, we'll probably end up encouraging overspending on unnecessary care. Instead, the ideal insurance system would cover genuinely catastrophic expenses, helping people avoid bankruptcy and the worst kind of mental stress — but avoiding the overtreatment and cost inflation that you get when you earmark too many public dollars for health and health alone.

I was healthy then; two years later I began my strange descent. And one part of the experience took those pre-illness views — I'd call them center-right with a libertarian flavor — and pushed them to the left.

This was the part of the experience where I was sick and had absolutely no idea what was wrong with me — which meant that I went from doctor to doctor, submitting to tests that succeeded only in ruling out various plausible diagnoses.

In these months I was given an object lesson in the ambiguities contained in terms like "overtreatment" and "unnecessary care." Because considering my ultimate diagnosis, all of these visits were a form of overtreatment. What I *really* had, though I didn't know it, was a tick-borne illness. Yet here I was undergoing tilt-table tests and going in for a CT scan and an



A person walks to the office of a Miami insurance agent offering plans under the Affordable Care Act. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY 2021

endoscopy, running up a huge tab on my New York Times Co. insurance policy.

Yet from my perspective it was all reasonable and necessary. My illness was severe and needed treatment and there was no way at the time to know which doctor would be the one who helped, which test or scan would be the one that revealed what was going on. Nor was I in any position to act as a discerning consumer or a good capitalist, to do price comparisons between different neurologists or cardiologists while my legs burned and my chest blazed. Instead, as a patient I was simply too vulnerable and desperate to do anything save throw myself on the medical system's mercy.

medical system's mercy.

So my desperate self gained a new appreciation for the things that make health care unique among the burdens that the welfare state is intended to alleviate, and the limits of a libertarian vision of the patient as a cost-sensitive consumer. And I also gained a greater appreciation for the thing that, in the Oregon study, Medicaid spending clearly did seem to achieve — the importance of insurance coverage for stable mental health, greater peace of mind, in situations where you're worried that not only your body might be ravaged but also your finances as well.

But then comes the part of my experience that turned me more right-wing. Because in the second phase of my illness, once I knew roughly what was wrong with me and the problem was how to treat it, I quickly entered a world where the official medical consensus had little to offer me. It was only outside that consensus, among Lyme disease doctors whose approach to treatment lacked any CDC or FDA imprimatur, that I found help and hope.

And this experience made me more libertarian in various ways, more skeptical not just of our own medical bureaucracy, but of any centralized approach to health care policy and medical treatment.

This was true even though the help I found was often expensive and it generally wasn't covered by insurance; like many patients with chronic Lyme, I had to pay in cash. But if I couldn't trust the CDC to recognize the effectiveness of these treatments, why would I trust a more socialized system to cover them? After all, in social-

ized systems cost control often depends on some centralized authority — like Britain's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence or the controversial, stillborn Independent Payment Advisory Board envisioned by Obamacare — setting rules or guidelines for the system as a whole. And if you're seeking a treatment that official expertise does not endorse, I wouldn't expect such an authority to be particularly flexible about paying for it.

Quite the reverse, in fact, given the tradeoff that often shows up in health policy,
where more free-market systems yield
more inequalities but also more experiments, while more socialist systems tend
to achieve their egalitarian advantages at
some cost to innovation. Many European
countries have cheaper prescription drugs
than we do, but at a meaningful cost to drug
development. Americans spend obscene,
unnecessary-seeming amounts of money
on our system; America also produces an
outsize share of medical innovations.

And if being mysteriously sick made me more appreciative of the value of an equalizing floor of health-insurance coverage, it also made me aware of the incredible value of those breakthroughs and discoveries, the importance of having incentives that lead researchers down unexpected paths, even the value of the unusual personality types that become doctors in the first place. (Are American doctors overpaid relative to their developed-world peers? Maybe. Am I glad that American medicine is remunerative enough to attract weird Type A egomaniacs who like to buck consensus? Definitely.)

Whatever everyday health insurance coverage is worth to the sick person, a cure for a heretofore-incurable disease is worth more. The cancer patient has more to gain from a single drug that sends their disease into remission than a single-payer plan that covers a hundred drugs that don't.

So if the weakness of the libertarian perspective on health insurance is its tendency to minimize the strange distinctiveness of illness, to treat patients too much like consumers and medical coverage too much like any other benefit, the weakness of the liberal focus on equalizing cost and coverage is the implicit sense that medical care is a fixed pie in need of careful divvying, rather than a zone where vast

benefits await *outside* the realm of what's already available.

Alas, I don't have some perfect policy regime that synthesizes these insights — the value of solid coverage that doesn't require too much of individual patients, the value of decentralization and innovation and experiments. It's precisely the challenge of synthesizing them that makes health policy so difficult.

But if I was an Obamacare skeptic before I got sick, today I'm relatively comfortable with the uneasy, unfinished place where the 2010 health care reform has ended up.

A decade ago, if you'd told me that the law's clearest legacy was its Medicaid expansion, and that the attempts to build a thriving individual-insurance market and rein in unnecessary spending had met with less success, I might have looked at its architects' grand ambitions and called that outcome a failure.

Today, I have more appreciation for the reassuring simplicity of the basic Medicaid guarantee, and more skepticism about the patient-as-consumer hopes that undergird Obamacare's exchanges. And as for the American-style bloat and unnecessary spending that the Obama technocrats hoped to purge from the system and mostly didn't — I have a little more appreciation for that as well.

If I had a simple way to take a scalpel to hospital monopolies and their profits I'd still do it. If you presented me with a blueprint to expand means-testing in Medicare and use the savings to fund new research programs, I'd embrace it. If you offered me a plan to reduce prescription-drug costs by reducing regulatory burdens on new treatments, I'd celebrate it.

But once you've become part of the American pattern of trying absolutely anything to feel better — and found that spirit essential to your recovery — the idea of medical cost control as a primary policy goal loses some of its allure, and the American way of medical spending looks more defensible. To *try things* without counting the cost can absolutely run to excess. But sometimes what seems like waste on the technocrat's ledger is the lifeline a desperate patient needs.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

To fix filing delays, don't pay IRS employees for union work

By Rachel Greszler
The Heritage Foundation

With a massive backlog of unprocessed returns, staffing struggles and added work from extended pandemic programs, the IRS has warned taxpayers of impending delays in processing their returns.

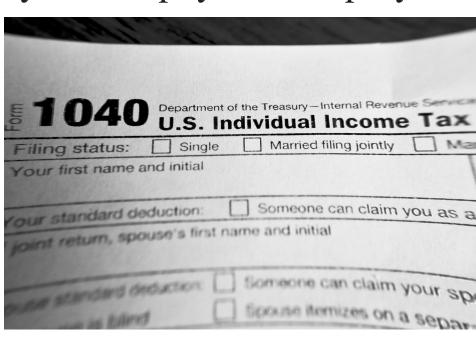
There's at least one simple way to help reduce these delays: stop paying IRS employees to work for their unions in lieu of doing the jobs they were hired to perform.

Each year, taxpayers are forced to pay thousands of federal employees for work they don't do. This sounds crazy for private-sector workers, but for federal employees, it's known as "official time," or taxpayer-funded union time.

The Treasury Department, which houses the IRS, utilizes taxpayer-funded union time at twice the rate of the rest of the government (6.81 hours per Treasury employee vs. 2.97 across the federal government).

In 2016, Treasury employees spent 481,500 hours working for their union on taxpayers' dime, costing taxpayers an estimated \$22.4 million. (2016 is a better reference for current figures because executive orders from the Trump administration reduced official time, and President Joe Biden removed those limits).

Considering that federal employees work about 1,800 hours per year after paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave, that translates into 268 full-time Treasury employees who were not available to do the things they were hired to do — like process tax returns in a timely manner.



The IRS says taxpayers should expect delays in processing returns. **KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP 2019**

A legislative proposal to address this already exists. In June 2021, Sens. Mike Braun, R-Ind., and John Boozman, R-Ark., introduced the IRS Customer Service Improvement Act to prohibit IRS employees from abandoning their posts to claim "official time" during the busy tax-filing season. This bill is just one of many proposals introduced by Braun and others to improve the integrity and effectiveness of the IRS

Ensuring that IRS employees spend tax-filing season doing their jobs rather than working for their union is a commonsense step in the right direction.

There is nothing wrong with private-sector workers freely choosing to belong to unions and paying the fees to support those unions' activities or volunteering their free time. But that is not what is happening here.

Taxpayers are not only footing the bill for public-sector union activities (unlike in the private sector, where workers' dues support union activities), they lack a seat at the negotiation table (the way employers do in the private sector).

This is why President Franklin Roos-

evelt warned of the "insurmountable limitations" of public-sector unionization. As he pointed out, "The employer is the whole people [of the United States]." But without those people having a say in federal employee negotiations, federal unions can negotiate things that are neither efficient nor effective.

For example, the IRS employee's union contract impedes the IRS's ability to hire the best candidates for open jobs by sealing outside applicants' information until internal candidates have been considered. According to Article 13 of the IRS-NTEU agreement, "Under no circumstances will the selecting official be permitted to review and/or consider external candidates prior to making a final determination regarding the selection or non-selection of [best qualified] internal candidates."

Beyond the conflict of interests, Roosevelt would probably be appalled that the American people are now also forced to pay federal workers for the time they spend not performing their jobs and instead negotiating for policies that restrict Americans' access to the federal services they are forced to pay for.

Ensuring that IRS employees spend tax-filing season doing their jobs rather than working for their union is just common sense.

Ultimately, public-sector unions should not exist, but so long as they do, public unions should be financed exclusively by the employees they serve, not the taxpayers against whom they negotiate.

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Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 to consider the following petitions:

Petition #55-21: Special Permit (Sec. 5.2.7)

to modify an existing freestanding sign to allow for LED prices at 430 New Britain Ave., Applicant and Owner: S&S Automotive LLC, Contact: Carolyn Parker.

Petition #52-21: Zoning Text Amendment (Sec. 3.22.1) to define and allow commercial

vehicles as an accessory use in residential

zones, Applicant and Contact: Newington TPZ.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this public

hearing will be conducted by Zoom Webinar. Information on how to attend will be posted

on the Town website at https://www.newing

These petitions and related material are

available for public inspection through the published agenda at the Town Plan and Zoning Commission agenda center: https://

www.newingtonct.gov/AgendaCenter/ Town-Planning-Zoning-Commission-27

Persons who require an accommodation

to participate in this public hearing should contact the Town Planner at 860-665-8578 or townplanner@newingtonct.gov not less than 24 hours before the public hearing.

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Contents to be sold on the premises of 1200 Newfield Street, Middletwon, CT 06457 on Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 on Storageauctions.com and close out at 9:00AM.

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NOTICE

1/20, 1/21/2022 7128263

I, Perumal Arumugam Sreekala S/o Arumugam AnanchaPerumal R/o 46 Brittany Farms Rd, Apt 141, New Britain, CT - 06053 have changed my minor daughter's name from Dhiksha Prasanth Janani to Dhiksha al with effect from 19th July 2021. 1/21/2022 7131844

ORDER OF NOTICE Notice to John Doe father of child born

6/24/19 to Allecia W. of parts unknown vate agency or a suitable and worthy person The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 02/15/2022 @ 2:00 PM at Hartford

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having circulation in the town/city Hartford, CT

Signed: Tara Artis - Clerk Date Signed: 1/14/22

pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is 1/21/2022 7131819

Public Sale of Mobile Home

Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve NPDES Permit Renewal Applicant: The Mattabassett District Application No. 201815965
Town: Cromwell

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to approve the following

Applicant's Name and Address:

Contact Name and Phone No.: Type of Permit and #:

Type of Facility:

Facility Location: Facility design capacity: Cromwell, Connecticut 06416

The Mattabassett District

Arthur Simonian, 860-635-5550 NPDES - CT0100307

Domestic Wastewater Treatment

245 Main Street Cromwell, CT 06416 35 million gallons per day

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

The applicant has previously received a permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("Department") and thorizing the discharge of up to an annual average daily design flow of 35 million gallons a day of secondary treated municipal wastewaters to the Connecticut River. The applicant has submitted an application to renew its existing permit. This renewal application is the subject of this notice.

THE DRAFT PERMIT

ent has prepared a draft permit consistent with the tentative determination to approve the Mattabassett District ("MD") renewal application. This draft is available on the public participation section of the Department's website. In accordance with Sections 22a 430 4(I) and 22a-430-4(r) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), the draft permit contains effluent limitations that meet Connecticut's Water Quality Standards for the g: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5 day), chlorine, enterococci, fecal coliform, flow, pH, and total suspended solids

This permit contains an enforceable compliance schedule which requires the applicant to report Inis permit contains an enforceable compliance schedule which requires the applicant to report monthly, the Average Day and readily available Maximum Daily flow data from each MD member community for every calendar year as well as a flow summary report towards the end of the 5-year permit term. This permit has a new requirement to report in the MDR, the date, time, quantity and duration of each precipitation event in which a bypass of secondary treatment occurs. The permit makes it clear that this bypass, irrespective of quantity and/or duration, is unpermitted and therefore is subject to the reporting requirements laid out in the permit.

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
This application has been assigned No. 201815965; please use this number when corresponding with DEEP regarding this application. Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from the applicant at the above address. Electronic copies of the application and supporting documentation can be provided to interested persons via email. The application and supporting documentation are also available for in-person inspection at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Water Protection and Land Reuse Bureau, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures implemented by DEEP an advanced appointment for an in-person inspection of the application is recommended. Any such requests for electronic documents or in-person inspection appointments may be directed to Carlos Esguerra of the Municipal Wastewater section at carlos.esguerra@ct.gov

Before making a final decision on this application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons. Written comments on the application should be directed to Carlos Esguerra via electronic mail to: carlos.esguerra@ct.gov no later than thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice. Written comments may also be submitted in paper form to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection located at 79 Elm Street, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse Hartford, CT. In this submittal please identify the name of the staff assigned to the application, the permit application number and your phone number and/or email address to facilitate responses to your comments. Due to the Covid -19 virus Pandemic and social distancing measures implemented by DEEP staff, there could be delays in the response to your comments. You may contact the staff person identified in this notice with any questions you may have.

PETITIONS FOR HEARING

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The Commissioner may conduct a public hearing if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will best be served thereby, or shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Petitions for a hearing shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this public notice and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions should also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. In order to facilitate the filling of requests for hearing during the COVID-19 pandemic and consistent with the Department's Temporary Directive, the Office of Adjudications will accept electronically-filed petitions in addition to petitions submitted by mail. Petitions with required signatures may be filed by email to deep. adjudications@ct.gov or mailed to the DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Within thirty (30) days of their filing, original petitions that were filed electronically must be also be mailed to the Office at the above-noted address. If the original petition exists only in electronic format or signatures were produced using a computer or typewriter, the petition must be submitted with a statement bearing the wet-ink signature of the petitioner that the petition is only available in that format and has been submitted to satisfy the requirement that an original petition be filed. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep. Additional information at www.ct.gov/deep/adjudications.

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A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, pri-

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Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy

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Renata Bertotti, AICP

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The information required for this Request for Proposal must be identified as "RFQ/RFP for Higganum Cove Improvements" and must be submitted with two (2) copies and one (1) electronic copy, to William Warner, Town Planner, Town of Haddam, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438, no later than January 30th, 2022. (townplanner@haddam.org).

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Request For Quotation #04-2121 The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch

invites qualified contractors to submit quotations to provide for an Active Directory Disaster Recovery - Cyber Security Suite and related services on an as-needed basis. Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained from the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web site

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Employer 1/21/2022 7132213 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR WOLCOTT RENOVATION #T6716 The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) requests bids from qualified firms for Architectural Services for the renovation

time no further proposals will be considered Please visit the CREC web site at www.crec org/rfp for all information regarding this RFP All proposals will be accepted electronically via our bidding platform.

of Wolcott School in Windsor. This location will serve as a site for CREC's Head Start Program. Proposals will be received until February 10, 2022 at 11:00 AM. at which

A Mandatory Pre Bid Site visit will be held on

Monday, January 31st, 2022 at 12:00 nod Please direct all correspondences to to Danah Serrano-Baez, Purchasing Agent at dserranobaez@crec.org

CREC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and in particular, to reject a proposal incomplete or irregular. CREC reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal received, to negotiate changes to offered terms and to accept the proposal that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of CREC.

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Halloran, Robert Patrick



Robert Patrick Halloran, 67, of Vernon, died on Tuesday, 11, January Memorial Manchester Hospital. He was born on September 21, 1954 in Hartford, CT, son of the late Joseph and Lenore (O'Hara) Halloran, and grew up in Manchester. Bobby, born third of seven Halloran children, had special needs with

his mental disability handicap. Our mom would declare, "Bobby's life was altered, but we believe he had a special mission. God's ways are not our ways." We believe he had a special mission too. He taught our entire family how to be humble, and how to love and have compassion for those around us. He was a happy "kid" that brought so much joy to our family...and he loved his family. He loved music, cowboys & Indians, parades, coffee and \$1 bills that he would proudly put in his wallet. He especially loved all things John Wayne, Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers, Zorro... & Santa Claus, of course! His 2 favorite days of the year were his birthday and Christmas. He loved getting presents on those days, along with the family sing-alongs accompanying the Halloran "band." If you were to ask him how old he was, he would always reply "10!" Take Bobby for a nice car ride, turn on the radio, play anything from the Beach Boys to John Philip Sousa marches to Christmas songs, incorporate Dunkin' Donuts, and you'd have a new best friend! The world would be a better place if everyone was lucky enough to have a Bobby in their life. He is survived by his five siblings and their spouses: James and Paula Halloran of Charlestown, RI, Jean (Halloran) and Stephen Pac of Chester, Kathleen (Halloran) and John Boryczki of Manchester, Daniel and Karen Halloran of Meriden, and Elizabeth (Halloran) and Edward Roach of Margate, NJ; seven nieces and nephews: Lapnifer (Davis) Brancieri Leffrey, Davis Emily compassion for those around us. He was a happy "kid" Edward Roach of Margate, NJ; seven nieces and nephews: Jennifer (Davis) Brancieri, Jeffrey Davis, Emily, Julianne, and Jessica Boryczki, and twins Eileen and Bridget Roach; five great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law Mary Ann (Halloran) and Michael Davis, and many aunts and uncles, including his beloved Uncle Bob and Aunt Shirley. The family would like to thank the team at his Baker Road group home in Vernon that took exceptional care of him over the years, as well as his caring doctors and staff at Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital. A special thank you to Josh, Kim, Ruby, Alyssa, Tracy, and Carol who were our angels at the group home. We would also like to thank our sister, Kathy ("Kick"), who served as his guardian after our parents passed, always advocating and being there for him. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St. in Manchester on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 10:00am followed by burial in St James Cemetery, Manchester. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to MARCH Inc. of Manchester, 222 McKee St. Manchester, CT 06040. Holmes Watkins Funeral Home, Manchester has care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins

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Weil, Marilyn (Lashin)



Marilyn Lashin Weil, 71, of West Hartford, CT, died on January 19, 2022. She was the wife of the late Marvin Weil and the eldest daughter of the late Maurice and Helen (Kantrowitz) Lashin. Marilyn was born in Hartford on September 23, 1950, and raised in West Hartford, where she graduated from Conard High School. After

her marriage in 1972, she became a longtime resident of East Hartford, where she was highly active in the Jewish community and Jewish causes. As a board member of the former Temple Beth Sholom (now Beth Sholom B'nai Israel) in Manchester, she served as Sisterhood President seven times, and Corresponding Secretary five times between 1992-2007. In addition, she served as President of Hadassah or two terms, 1985-1988, and attended many conferences of the Connecticut Branch of the Women's League. For 30 years, Marilyn worked as assistant to the principal of Glastonbury High School from 1989 until her retirement

Marilyn leaves her son, Jacob Weil of West Hartford; brother Terry Lashin and wife Lisa of Melville, NY, sister Deborah Butler of West Hartford, and brother Paul Lashin and wife Kathryn of Weston, CT; nieces Shera (Dan) Berlin, Arielle (Adam) Herman, Jennifer Lashin, Allison Butler, Ruby Lashin, Vivienne Lashin, nephew Eric Butler, grand-nieces Tessa and Alexandra Berlin, and grand-nephews Benjy and Charlie Herman. Her wonderful charm and knack for conversation will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to

the following organizations:
- Hadassah, https://www.hadassah.org/
- National Kidney Foundation, https://www.kidney.org/
- Temple Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, Manchester, CT, https://www.myshul.org/

A funeral service will be held at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, 400 Middle Turnpike Manchester, CT at 11:00am on Friday, January 21, 2022 with interment to follow at Beth Sholom Memorial Park in Manchester. For shiva times, funeral live stream link or to leave a condolence

for the family, please visit www.manchesterfh.com Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Cowles, Patricia B.



Patricia (Berube) Cowles, of Simsbury, wife of the late Roger W. Cowles, died January 19, 2022 at the McLean Health Center in Simsbury. Born in Hartford on June 6,

1935, she was the daughter of the late Napoleon and Jeannette (Boucher) Berube. She was a graduate of Bulkeley High School and Hartford Secretarial School. Following graduation, she worked for



The Travelers Insurance Company. After a blind date, she later married Roger and they moved to Simsbury. She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in

Tariffville, where she was a member of the choir and volunteered in many capacities, including the Clown Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and office work, just to name a few. She was active in The Girl Scouts of the USA serving as a troop leader. She was also a member of The McLean Auxiliary for many years. Pat's greatest joys were her family and friends, with whom she loved a good game of tennis or cards. She spent most of her time outdoors attending to her flower gardens and enjoying her yard. In her family's opinion she made the best apple pie in the world. She will be deeply missed by all.

Patricia leaves her sons, Theodore W. Cowles and his wife Dorothy of West Granby, Thomas W. Cowles and his longtime companion Fran Benedict of Norfolk, and her daughter Laurie C. McElroy and her husband Edward of Farmington. She is survived by 6 granddaughters and 5 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her brother Ronald R. Berube and his wife Margaret of Guilford. The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to the McLean staff and hospice team for the kindness and excellent care given to our mother/grandmother. Private funeral services will be held at Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 59 Tariffville Rd, Bloomfield, CT. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Patricia's name to the McLean Auxiliary, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury CT 06070. The Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of arrangements. To share a memory of Patricia or condolence message with her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Dodd, Gary A.



Gary Albert Dodd, 73, of East Hartford, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Hartford on December 28, 1948, a son of the late Frank E. and Merle M. (Farrar) Dodd, he had been a resident of East Hartford for most of his life. Gary was a graduate of George
J. Penney High School, class of
1967. He was a proud veteran
of the United States Marines Corp during



the Vietnam War and was a member of the VFW Post #2083 of East Hartford. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for several years by Lydall Paper Mill Company in Manchester. A true outdoorsman, Gary enjoyed nature, and fishing with his son. He was also an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and Baltimore Orioles. Everyone who knew and loved Gary will miss his sense of humor, corny jokes, and his kind, giving heart. Most of all, Gary loved being a grandfather who cherished his time with his four adored grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife, Frances (Condon) Dodd of Ellington; a daughter, Koren "Kory" E. Dodd and her fiancée, Luke Kearns, of East Hartford with whom he made his home; three sons, Gary W. Dodd of Ellington, Jamie L. Dodd of Middletown, Kyle M. Dodd of Holyoke, MA; a brother, Rick Earle Dodd of Barkhamsted; four adored grandchildren, Julie Dodd of Willington, Connor Kearns, James Kearns, Shane Kearns all of East Hartford;

several nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Private funeral service with military honors will be held at the convenience of the family with assistance from Freedom Riders. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gary's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. As Gary would say to all of his veteran friends, "Semper Fi"! The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Doyle, Catherine "Esther" (Davy)



Catherine "Esther" (Davy) Doyle, 88, died peacefully at her home in East Hartford on Tuesday January 18, 2022 with her family beside her. She was born on April 15, 1933 the youngest of three children to Patrick Davy and Kate (Mullen) Davy in Edenderry Co. Offaly, Ireland. Esther is predeceased by her husband Joseph Doyle, daughter Mary Donna Purcell, grandson Brian Doyle, and



Paul Gregory Doyle and Janice of East Hartford, and Gerard Doyle and Holly of East Hartford. In addition to her childrén, Esther álso leaves seven grandchildren, Shari, Steven, Paul, Jason, Jeffrey, Ryan, and Carleigh; as well as ten great grandchildren, Adam, Jacob, Jayleeane, Brian, Brithney, Meghan, Kalie, Tegan, Owen and Ian. Esther is also survived by her sister, Nancy Davy of Dublin, Ireland, and her nephew, Patrick Davy and niece Sheila Furey, also of Ireland.

Per her wishes, visitation will be private. Her funeral service will be Saturday, January 22, 2022 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 am at St. Rose Church, 33 Church Street, East Hartford. Burial will follow immediately at St. Mary's Cemetery, (Section R-1), Burnside Avenue, East Hartford. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Saturday morning and to wear facemasks. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Esther's name may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For her full obituary notice and online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www. desopoeh.com.



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Burnham, John L.



John L. Burnham - a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all, Torrington, CT, passed away Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. He was 70 years old.

Born Dec. 20, 1951 in Hartford, CT, son of the late Joan (Turner) and Laurence Burnham, John is survived by the love of his life and wife

of more than 40 years, Yvonne (Brousseau) Burnham of Torrington; son Johnny Burnham and his wife Stephanie of Bristol; grandchildren Kayla, Brady and Olive; sister Bernice Dixon and her husband Michael of Colchester. and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his daughter, Jessica Scarfo, and sisters Jo-Ann "Joline' Burnham and Barbara Thode.

"Johnny B" as he was best known by friends, graduated from Lewis S. Mills High School in 1969 before beginning a long career as a carpenter, working for O&G Industries for three decades. He later graduated from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting and spent time as the radio broadcaster for the Torrington Twisters. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, UCONN Huskies, and split his allegiance between the New York Giants and New England Patriots. But above all, he was his family's No. 1 fan, coaching many of their youth sports teams, always cheering them on, picking them up or making them laugh.

making them laugh.

He could find a way to fix anything and was a constant jokester. Although the joke often straddled the line of inappropriate, he would go to any length to make sure the delivery was just right. He had an uncanny ability to brighten your day like only he could. The light to his basement bar was always on, his tap of homebrew never dry and his ears, eyes and heart always open to the long list of those he held close. Whether out on the golf course, at the ballpark, tavern, on the job or at home, he was full of surprises and a unique soul that positively impacted the lives of so many.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 5-7pm at Phalen Funeral Home in Torrington. Masks will be required. Online memorials can be made at www.phalenfuneral.com.

can be made at www.phalenfuneral.com.

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Quinn, Robert Matthew



Robert Matthew Quinn, age 57 of Parkton, passed away January 13, 2022, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Born in Summerfield, MA, he is the son of Floyd Quinn and Melanie Walenta Quinn. He is preceded in death by his mother, Melanie Quinn formerly of Somers, CT. He is survived by his father, Floyd M. Quinn of Somers, CT; a

brother, Floyd F. Quinn of San Marcos, TX; a sister, Loriann Quinn of Groton, MA; a daughter, Sarah Kroh of Parkton, NC; two sons, Patrick Quinn of Parkton, NC and Kyle Quinn of Dayton, OH; and grandchildren, Melanie and Alex Kroh of Parkton, NC. Robert was a U.S. Army Veteran 260th MP Co, 10th Mountain Division, and formerly employed by Hallmark Cards of Enfield, CT. He was an avid fan of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. There will be a private burial at later date. The family has requested donations be made to Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation in lieu of flowers.

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Scollo, Lucio



Lucio (Lou) Scollo, 95, of St Petersburg, Fla., formerly of New Britain, CT., died Monday, January 17, 2022 at Suncoast Hospice at Bay Front Health, St Petersburg. Lou was born in Summit, N.J., and was the son of the late Carmelo and Antonia (Cavallaro) Scollo. He was a longtime member of St Jerome Church in New Britain, CT. Lou was a devoted husband

to Susan (Ingari) Scollo, who predeceased him in 2010. He was a proud member of The Greatest Generation, having served his country honorably as an Army M.P. in Japan during WWII. After returning to the States, he began a long career as a Tool and Die Maker, working at North and Judd and Kern Special Tool for many years before retiring from Okay Industries in 1992 as a recognized and respected master of his craft. Lou loved playing his guitar, banjo and mandolin in his spare time, sharing his love for music throughout most of his life and even into his nineties. Lou and his wife were longtime and active members of the Bucks and Does Square Dancing Club, which they greatly enjoyed. Does Square Dancing Club, which they greatly enjoyed. He also would never miss a good card game and his friends always made sure he was able to get to the "Every-Thursday 9 and 5" sessions. Lou particularly embraced spending time with his family and friends. "Louie and Susie's" was always a favorite place to gather for holidays and family celebrations. His smile, sense of humor, warmth, compassion, patience and obvious love for life and for those he shared it with will be sorely missed by all who held him dear be sorely missed by all who held him dear.

Lou is survived by his children: Anthony Scollo and his wife Sharon (Gindele) Scollo, of Mann's Choice, Pa., Marie (Scollo) White and her husband, Tom, Jr. of Bristol, CT., Sharon (Scollo) Deluca and her husband, Joe, Jr. of St Petersburg, Fla., Lawrence Scollo and his wife Diane (Duren) Scollo of Clearwater, Fla.; His ten grandchildren: Amanda and Hannah Scollo, Thomas White III, Matthew White, Timothy White, Nicholas Wolf, Carleigh Deluca, Lawrence John Scollo, Christopher Scollo and Diane Scollo; His four great-grandchildren: Roxanne White, Oliver Scollo, Joseph Wolf and Owen Wolf. Lou was predeceased by his brother Sam Scollo and his sisters Rose Ingari and Jennie Grasso.

Funeral rites for Lucio will be held Monday, January 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. from the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT. Committal service and final resting place will be in St. Mary Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St., New Britain, CT. Relatives and friends may call at the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. To extend condolences to the Scollo family or to share a memory of Lucio, please visit SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM

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Spencer, Cathy

Cathy M. Spencer passed away peacefully at home after a long illness. Born July 7, 1949, deceased December 29, 2021. Preceded in her death by her parents William E. Thomas Jr. and Marguerite W. Thomas Jr. (Daniels) and her oldest son Roy Owen Dilley Jr.

She is survived by 2 sons Hertis Dilley, Travis St. John and several grandchildren, and her husband Ernest L. Spencer. Rest in peace, we all love you.

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Gallagher, Anna (Anne) Marie (McLaughlin)

Anna (Anne) Marie Gallagher passed away peacefully on January 17, 2022. Anne was born on March 2, 1926 in New York City to William and Ethel (Stammers) McLaughlin. Her mother died from tuberculosis when Anne was 7 years old and she was raised by relatives including Dr Henry and Grace Barrows.

Anne attended Fordham School of Nursing, graduating in 1947. She married James Gallagher on September 10, 1955 at St Gabriel's Church in Riverdale, NY. They raised their children in Larchmont, NY and were members of the Larchmont Shore Club. Anne was a devoted mother and housewife. She left nursing to raise her 4 children and later returned to work as a discharge planner at New Rochelle Hospital. She loved playing bridge, enjoyed crosswords and cooking and was a member of the local garden club. She moved to Avon,

She is predeceased by her husband and by her beloved sister, Grace Mons. She is survived by her children James Gallagher, Jr. of Hawthorne, NY; Francis Gallagher of Darien, CT; Grace Vandal or Mystic, CT and Mary Gallagher Laudenslager of Canton, CT; seven grand-

children and four great grandchildren.

Anne's children attribute her long and independent life to whiskey, wine, coffee and cigarettes and to the excellent care she received at UCONN Health in Farmington. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to hillsidefoodoutreach.org

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Kaplan, Erik J



Erik J. Kaplan, age 53, of passed Chicopee, peacefully on January 15, . 2022. Erik was born in Holyoke, son of Anne Marie (Guay) Kaplan and the late Andrew Kaplan, and was educated in Chicopee schools. He received a Certificate Porter & Chester was Institute and Correctional Officer in the

Connecticut prison system. An avid fisherman, Erik was a Board of Directors member for The Bass Federation, and was an Eagle Scout. He was a passionate and accomplished photographer. Erik is survived by his loving family: his wife, Rachael (Bronner) Kaplan; two daughters: Rylee Kaplan, Crystol Pelletier of Chicopee; mother, Anne Marie (Guay) Kaplan of Chicopee; a granddaughter Ruby; brother, Joseph R. Leger and his wife Angela of VA; two sisters, Joanne Bligh of South Hadley and Susan Moriarty of Holyoke; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Erik was predeceased by his father, Andrew Kaplan, in 2017. A funeral Mass for Erik will take place on Saturday January 29 at 10:00am in Saint Anne Church, 30 College Street, Chicopee. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Friday January 28 from 4:00 to 7:00pm in the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, Holyoke. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in memory of Erik to Mutt Rescue Inc., 102 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 or to The Mass General Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, PO Box 329, Northampton, MA 01061

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Griswold, Rita C.



Rita C. Griswold of West Hartford, daughter of the late Lee and Ellen Griswold, passed away January 17, 2022. She will always be remembered by those who loved her for her Catholic faith, for how she valued education, and for her courage and tenacity pursuing social justice and women's rights. Rita was most proud of being an Associate Member of

the Sisters of Mercy, her decades as a professor at St. Joseph College, and for her degree in business law. She was passionate about art, serving as a docent at the New Britain Museum of American Art for years and spent her time in retirement volunteering in local

school systems, teaching young students to read.
Visiting hours will be Monday, January 24, from 9-10:30
am at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00 am at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Sisters of Mercy, 21 Prescott St., West Hartford, CT 06110. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.

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Simonetti, Mildred R. (Bonamie)



ROCKY HILL AND WESTPORT: Mildred R. "Millie"(Bonamie) Simonetti, 86, of Rocky Hill died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Simonetti.

Millie was born on September 6, 1935 in Paterson, New Jersey, the daughter of David

and Rose Bonamie.

She and her husband resided in Westport where they made their home and raised their family. She worked as a legal secretary with the law firm of Gunn, Godfrey and Allison. She was a member of St. Luke's Church in Westport. Her favorite thing was family, especially spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Cara Malicki and her husband Brad of Rocky Hill and Mark Simonetti and his wife Judith of Easton, her daughter-in-law Victoria Simonetti, as well as her four beloved grandchildren, Brad Malicki Jr., Brian Malicki, Mia Simonetti and Alexander Simonetti.

In addition to her husband and her sister Gloria Higgins, Millie is predeceased by her son, David Simonetti

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, at 11:00am at St. Luke's Church, 49 North Turkey Hill Road, Westport, Connecticut. Immediately following the Mass, she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Sergio, in the family plot in Assumption Green Farms Cemetery, 73 Green Farms Road, Westport.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, Rocky Hill CT 06067 or www.cancer.org.

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Tino, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Tino, 93, of New Britain, passed away on Saturday, January 15th 2022. To read his full obituary, please visit www.duksa.net

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VanCamp, Barry



Barry Conrad VanCamp, age 77, of Manchester, passed away Jan. 3, 2022, at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Barry was born on June 20, 1944, in Hartford CT. to parents Earl and Inez (Anderson) VanCamp. Barry was afflicted from birth by cerebral palsy,

but always displayed inde-pendence in many ways, such as his daily vigorous walks around town on his crutches. During most of his life, Barry was watched over and cared for by his wonderful mother Inez. Barry was always affable and outgoing and had many friends including his life long BFL, Jimmy Simpson of East Hartford.

A graduate of Manchester High School class of '62

he also completed an Associates in Business degree at Manchester Community College, and subsequently worked as a book keeper at Manchesters Savings Bank. He enjoyed watching and had a large collection of early classic movies and looked forward to weekly deliveries of movies and books from the Manchester Library. He made many friends as an elderly housing resident, enjoying activities both indoors and out.

Barry was a faithful congregant of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He was a steadfast Boston Red Sox fan and followed the Uconn and Patriot teams.

Barry was predeceased by his mother and father and leaves behind a brother, Earle, of Bozrah and nephews Eric of Willimantic, Kevin of Bozrah, and Todd of Griswold.

A private burial will be held on a future date.

Holmes Watkins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To leave messages of condolences and to sign an online register book please go to Holmeswatkins. com. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Barry's name to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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Poulin, Raymond J.F.



Raymond J.F. Poulin, 87, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2022, surrounded by family. He was born on April 2, 1934, in Winslow, ME, son to the late Ernest and Emeline (Ferland) Poulin. Raymond grew up in St. Alfred, Quebec, Canada. He was the husband of 52 years to Annette (Gilbert) Poulin of West Hartford, CT.

Proud father of Alan S. Poulin, married to Natalie of Newington, CT, and Daniel R. Poulin, married to Jessica of Farmington, CT. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Matthew, Hannah, Reese, and Chase.

As one of 13 siblings, Raymond stayed close to his family in both Canada and here in the United States. He is predeceased by seven siblings, and leaves behind his sisters Julienne Poulin, Jeannine Alain, Celine Quirion and Patricia Poulin all of Beauceville, Quebec, and his brother Rock Poulin of East Hartford, CT.

Raymond served his country in the United States Army. He spent most of his career as a precision machinist at Pratt & Whitney (West Hartford), and prior to retirement as a facility manager at the Court of St. James (West Hartford).

Raymond embraced his Canadian upbringing as a member of the French Social Circle Club (French Club), French Social Credit Union, and the French Social Building Association, and Le Federation Franco American, serving as the President for a period at each. He was a lifelong member/volunteer of the Knights of Columbus #6119, Connecticut's only French-Canadian Council. He also volunteered with the Cub and Boy Scouts of America for many years in various leadership

Services will be held at the St. Mark's Evangelist Church in West Hartford, CT on Saturday January 29, 2022, at 11am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to the American Cancer Society

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VonHusen, Dolores



Dolores "Dolly" VonHusen, 72, of Willimantic, daughter of the late, Wilfred Mercier Mercier and Lorraine Ferguson and stepfather, Kenneth Ferguson, died Sunday, January 16, 2022 at MapleView Health, in Rocky Hill. She is survived by her adopted son, Matthew VonHusen; a sister, Geraldine

Brothers and her husband Albert, of Lebanon; brothers, Wilfred Mercier and his wife Linda, of Florida, Maurice Mercier and his wife Ines, of East Hartford, and Raymond Mercier and his wife Sandi, of North Windham. Dolly also leaves behind several nieces, nephews and many friends and her dog, Su-Ling. She was pre-deceased by a sister, Bernico DeCouto, nephews, Paul and Todd Mercier, niece, Donna Brothers. Dolly's family will receive relative and friends on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Willimantic from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at St. Mary Church, 46 Valley St., Willimantic at 11:00am, burial to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Windham. Do to Covid, mask are required at calling hours and at the Funeral Mass. For an online memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Caputo, Deborah Lee

Deborah Lee (Agostinelli) Caputo, age 68, of Columbia, passed away on January 18, 2022.

Deborah was a lifelong resident of Connecticut. She was born in Hartford, grew up in Manchester and Glastonbury, and lived most of her adult life in the Columbia area. Deborah graduated from East Catholic High School in 1971. She was employed as an IT Systems Analyst for over thirty years by the State of Connecticut and was currently retired. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Douglas Caputo and Kathryn Mooney of Atlanta, GA, and grandsons Thomas and Rocco Caputo. She also leaves her brother Matthew Manfreda and his wife Tina, and stepfather Frank Manfreda, all of Windham, CT; beloved uncle Nathan Agostinelli and Elsie of Manchester; sister-in-law Florence Savage of Edgewater, NJ; dear cousins Annie, Michelle, Jill, and their families; her very best friend on earth MaryAnn; also, many loving relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas Caputo; sister Susan Agostinelli; mother Maxine Manfreda; and father Henry Agostinelli.

Calling hours for family and friends will be at the Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester, on Sunday, January 23, 2022, from 12 - 3 p.m. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. But her son Douglas knew she loved nothing more than beautiful flowers for her to admire.

For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Dowden, Margaret L.

Margaret Lorraine Dowden, beloved wife of the late Andrew F. Dowden Jr., who predeceased her in 2006, passed to eternal life on January 16, 2022. Margaret was born In Massachusetts and married Andy in 1948. She leaves four sons and three daughters, and their respective spouses, twenty-three grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, two nephews and five nieces and their respective spouses, as well as twelve great nephews and nieces. She was also predeceased by her parents, three brothers and two sisters, two son-in-laws who were like sons to her, a grandson and a great granddaughter. For thoughtful donations, in lieu of flowers, please consider Connecticut Foodshare or Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish. Relatives and friends may join the family on Monday, January 24, 2022, from 9:00 – 10:30 am at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St, Windsor Locks. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 52 S Elm St, Windsor Locks. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Windsor Locks. For online condolences please visit windorlocksfuneralhome.com

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Fote, Denise (McNeil)



Denise (McNeil) Fote, 68, wife to Donald Fote of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully surrounded by her husband and sons on January 19, 2022. She was born in Homewood, Illinois to the late John and Eileen McNeil. After high school she received her bachelor's degree from University of Hartford.

retiring from Peoples Bank, she was well rounded with a heart of gold. This allowed her to help others in roles such as the President of PTO at Naylor school in Hartford, or the President of Dollars for Scholars in Wethersfield.

She touched so many with her warmth and love, besides her husband Donald, Denise is survived by her two sons, Brian Fote and Christopher Fote and his wife Hannah. She also adored two grandchildren Nora and Quinn Fote. She is also survived by her siblings Jack (Joanne) McNeil and Kathy (David) Vogel. Denise is predeceased by her son Donald Fote Jr. and sister Bonnie and brother Doug McNeil.

Friends and family may call on the Fote family from 3:00PM to 6:00PM on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Denise's life will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00AM in Corpus Christi of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Highway, all attendees are asked to go directly to church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave. Hartford. Donations can be made in Denise's honor to Dollars for Scholars at Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 290338 Wethersfield, CT 06109. For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

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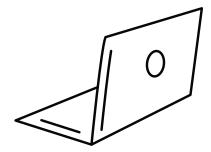
A great husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Time moves on but your loss is still felt by so many every day. We MISS YOU & LOVE YOU!! The Bolduc Family



1/21/1945 - 7/30/2010 Happy Birthday You are missed every day and will be in our hearts forever. Love, Kathie & Children



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Hartford, Goodwin University partner on training centers



Hartford and Goodwin University announced Thursday a partnership to operate two manufacturing training centers in retail spaces in city neighborhoods to introduce potential students to manufacturing and help fill thousands of open jobs. Above, Pratt and Whitney employees get a close look at the manufacturer's PW1100G-JM jet engine. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Alliance to help fill thousands of open jobs in manufacturing

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A partnership to operate two storefront manufacturing training centers in city neighborhoods to introduce potential students to manufacturing and help fill thousands of open jobs was announced Thursday by Hartford and Goodwin University.

With \$1 million from the state, the city and the East Hartford-based university will open Community Manufacturing Training Centers, one in the North End and the other in the South End, before the fall. Sites have not yet been selected.

The centers will accommodate 15 to 18 students at a time and be equipped with desks, computers, white boards, tables and light manufacturing equipment. College-level courses will be offered.

The city and Goodwin hope to serve 200 to 300 students a year when the centers operate, Goodwin President Mark Scheinberg said in a brief announcement at Hartford City Hall.

He said the initiative will "put a university right inside the neighborhoods," giving Hartford residents "their first understanding what advanced manufacturing is and whether or not it fits for them.

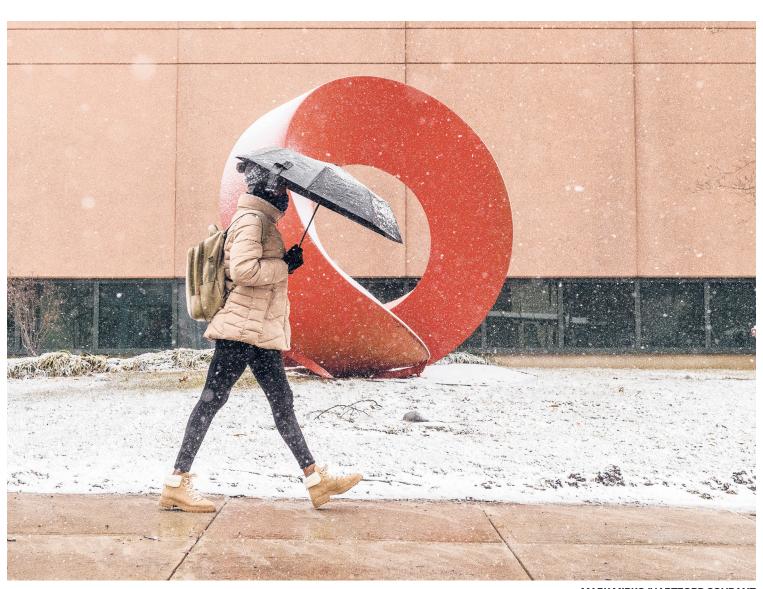
All credits earned at a Community Manufacturing Training Center will be applicable at Goodwin or other colleges or universities, Scheinberg said.

Mayor Luke Bronin said the storefront training centers will provide an "important missing link" to introduce potential students to manufacturing and a "long-term career, not just a job."

Connecticut's three defense contractors - jet engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, helicopter maker Sikorsky Aircraft and Electric Boat, which manufactures submarines for the U.S. Navy — and thousands of small manufacturers in the supply chain, are always in the hunt for workers. Retiring baby boomers need to be replaced and significant increases in Pentagon spending authorized by Congress are driving up demand for manufacturing workers.

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A MESSY COMMUTE

Remarking that the cold is not nice, but the color is, Yetunde Akinlaia, a UConn student from Nigeria, experiences snow for the first time during her morning walk to campus. Multiple schools closed or delayed opening Thursday because of the storm that dropped about an inch of snow. The snow cleared out early in the day, replaced by single-digit temperatures that will remain Friday.

Mom left kids home alone for weekend, warrant shows

Watertown woman on leave from teaching job as district investigates

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

A Watertown woman flew to Florida with her boyfriend for a weekend in November, leaving her two young children home alone, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released Thurs-

Kerry Lyn Caviasca, 36, was arrested Saturday on two counts each of risk of injury to a minor and second-degree reckless endangerment. Caviasca was released without having to post bail and is due in Waterbury Superior Court on Jan. 25.

Caviasca is a public teacher in Waterbury. She has been placed on leave while the district investigates, according to a statement from the school district.

Caviasca's former husband became suspicious and approached police after he was unable to reach the children, ages 9 and 11, by phone from Nov. 20-22. He also found that both children missed school on Monday, Nov. 22, with unexcused absences, the warrant says. He told police that the children denied being left home alone, but he felt they were protecting their mother, police said.

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Low-income residents can get free tax-prep help with VITA

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

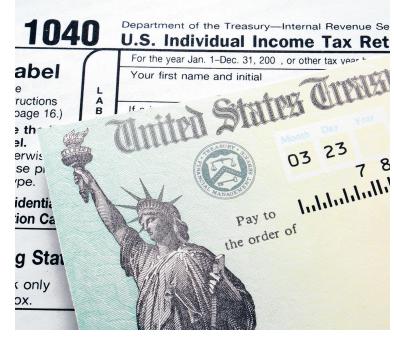
Connecticut residents who meet certain income guidelines, who struggle with English, who are senior citizens or who have a disability may qualify for free assistance in filing their taxes.

In a news conference on Thursday, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and representatives of several local assistance organizations announced the beginning of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) season.

"Filing your taxes can be intimidating. ... If you need help filing taxes, getting the refunds you are entitled to, the tax credits you are entitled to, the VITA program makes it easy and free," Bronin

He added that people who are qualified for the Child Tax Credit can apply for it when they file, "and you can receive that full amount from last year."

Bronin was joined by officials from United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, The Village for Families & Children and Human Resources Agency (HRA) of New Britain to discuss the program, in which IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers help people with low income or other difficulties.



The VITA program offers free tax assistance to Connecticut residents with low income, who struggle with English, who are senior citizens or who have a disability. HARTFORD COURANT FILE PHOTO

Paula S. Gilberto, president and CEO of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, said the program helps "ALICE" residents — asset-limited, income-constrained and employed – whose income "is not enough to afford basic household necessities, safe housing, adequate food, quality child care, transportation and health care."

Gilberto emphasized that the program is a strong economic stimulus, because filers "use refunds to

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Hartford receives grant to support nonfatal shooting investigations

Shooting Response team to benefit from federal funding

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - A \$500,000federal grant will support a Hartford police team focused on boosting the currently meager number of arrests and convictions in nonfatal shootings.

Formed last year, the Shooting Response Team seeks to gain victims' trust and break down the "no snitch" code that stymies many investigations.

"Not only do unsolved shooting cases fail to provide justice for victims and their loved ones, but they contribute to ongoing cycles of violence by undermining police efforts to deter gun

violence and contributing to the willingness of individuals to seek retribution," the application for the U.S. Department of Justice grant said. The grant, Mayor Luke Bronin said at a press conference Thurs-

day announcing the award, "is a

recognition of the deliberate,

evidence-based work that the

Hartford Police Department is already doing, and it will provide valuable new resources to strengthen that work."

What's happening with nonfatal shootings in Hartford?

While the city's homicide rate over the past 10 years has averaged about four times the national average, killings represent a relatively small part of most gun violence. Nonfatal shootings outnumbered homicides by about 7-1 in 2019 and 9-1 in 2020, according to the city's application for the U.S. Department of Justice grant.

Within the past two years, 90.2% of victims struck by gunshots survived. In 2019, Hartford police investigated 23 homicides and 124 nonfatal shootings, clearing 65% of the homicides, but only 23.4% of the nonfatal victimizations. In 2020, police cleared 68% of 25 homicides, but only 8.1% of nonfatal shootings.

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Police: Woman dies after being hit by car in Bristol

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A woman died after being struck by a car in Bristol Wednesday night, and police said they are looking for witnesses.

The collision happened about 7:45 p.m. at Jerome Avenue and Fox Den Road, police said. The woman, who was in her mid-30s, was taken to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The driver stopped at the scene and is cooperating with police, Lt. Geoffrey Lund said Thursday.

The police department's Serious Traffic Reconstruction Team was called to the scene and continues to investigate. Anyone who saw the collision or has information about it is asked to call Officer Verillo at 860-584-3031.

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purchase goods and services from local stores and local businesses."

Last year, more than 8,700 tax filers in Connecticut got free services from VITA's 232 tax preparers. VITA reports that \$24.5 million in refunds and credits resulted from those services.

Gilberto said the average adjusted gross income of filers last year was \$25,997. On average, people who filed taxes through VITA received a federal return of \$1,948 and an average earned income tax credit of \$1,605.

Dr. Marlo Greponne, executive director of HRA, said one of the goals of the VITA program is to increase the number of households who are on the earned income tax credit.

This month, Gov. Ned Lamont used federal money to retroactively increase the credit for 2021 for low-income households.

Hector Glynn, COO of The Village for Families & Children, cited "stress in general during this time of COVID, this time of unsettlement, really has an effect physically, mentally and really on the academics of the children. If we can help someone destress by helping them file taxes ... then we have done a little bit forward on our mission."

Eligibility

VITA was founded in 1971 in California as a tool for poverty reduction and spread nationwide in the half-century since then, eventually partnering with community aid organizations and being funded by matching grants from the IRS.

For the 2021 tax year, basic eligibility requirements are household income less than \$58,000, business expenses (for the self-employed) less than \$25,000 and no income from a rental property, according to 211ct.org/taxhelp. Others may qualify based on limited English skills or a disability.

To find out if you qualify for the VITA program, visit 211ct.org/taxhelp. Tax filing opens on Jan. 24.

Those who qualify can set up a live or virtual appointment or can drop off their tax documents to be reviewed by a tax preparer. The volunteers help with filing and can give advice on ways to save money. To find out what documents are needed by VITA, visit uwc.211ct.org/vita-docs.

Qualifiers in the Greater Hartford and Windham Regions can make an appointment at 211ct.org/ taxhelp or dial 211 and press 3, then 6.

Qualifiers in the New Britain region can make an appointment by visiting hranbct.org/VITA or calling 860-356-2000.

People with simple returns who prefer to prepare their own taxes securely online, free of charge, can go to myfreetaxes.com, which is offered by the United Way.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Lamont issues order for nursing home visitors

By Dave Altimari CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont has issued a new emergency order requiring visitors to nursing homes to be vaccinated or have proof of a recent negative COVID test before they can enter a facility.

"We know that some of the people who are most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 include those who live in nursing homes, which is why we need to be doing everything we can to protect them from this virus," Lamont said. "This is one more precaution we can implement at these facilities to keep them safe."

The state is offering providers rapid antigen tests to use on visitors before they can enter. The state is distributing 50,000 rapid test kits to providers this week. Providers also get rapid antigen tests delivered by the federal government.

Under the new emergency order, visitors must

comply with any one of the following:

■ Provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and, if eligible, under FDA or CDC guidance, have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster;
■ Provide paper or electronic proof of a page.

■ Provide paper or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from either a rapid antigen test that was completed within the previous 48 hours or a PCR test that was completed within the previous 72 hours; or

■ Take a rapid antigen test at the nursing home.

The order requires nursing homes to deny entrance to any visitor that tests positive for COVID-19 or who refuses to take a rapid antigen test.

The order further provides, according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, that a nursing home cannot deny entrance to any visitor who is willing to take a rapid antigen test but is unable to do so because the nursing home is not able to provide a rapid

The new mandate will take effect Saturday.

"With the highly contagious omicron variant now ravaging our state and present in almost all nursing homes and congregate settings, we must do everything we can to mitigate the risks to our residents," said Matthew Barrett, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities/Connecticut Center for Assisted

"We know from contract tracing evidence that nursing home visitors are, regrettably and sometimes unwittingly, the source of much of the spread, therefore these measures may reduce added exposure," Barrett said. "The severe staffing crisis nursing homes face will present significant challenges in the implementation of the new order, but our Connecticut nursing homes will move quickly to implement these new tools that will further assist in the protection for both nursing home residents and the staff who care for them."

The order comes as cases in nursing homes continue to climb, with nearly every home in the state now having at least one positive case, and deaths climbing to levels not seen in a year.

The state releases new nursing home data every other Thursday. The latest numbers are due out this Thursday, but sources have told the Connecticut Mirror that as of Jan. 11, there were 854 positive cases among residents of nursing homes, an increase of 175 cases from the previous week.

As of Jan. 11, 204 nursing homes out of 210 licensed by the state had positive cases.

Deaths of residents have also increased, with 24 deaths over the week of Jan. 4-11, the most in a week since January 2021.

On Jan. 6, state Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manihsa Juthani issued guidance that asked nursing homes to accept COVID-positive

people from hospitals to help alleviate the strain in those facilities.

those facilities.
State officials stressed it wasn't a mandate, but the guidance says hospitals should alert DPH if a nursing home facility will

not take a COVID-positive

person.

Providers say nursing homes have figured out how to isolate COVID-positive residents and treat them far better than they did back in the early stages of the pandemic. They also have much more personal protective equipment and other tools to help them.

The number of cases among staff dropped from 1,535 to 1,135 for the week ending Jan. 11.

Lamont recently issued an emergency order mandating that all nursing home staff get vaccine boosters by early February.

The number of nursing home staff getting boosters had stalled at about 30% for weeks. It increased to about 35% as of Jan. 11. For residents, about 84% are now vaccinated and boosted.

Cops seize stolen gun, more than 100 bags of fentanyl

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

Police have arrested a Hartford man who they said had a stolen gun and 116 bags of fentanyl.

In addition to the

fentanyl, an extremely potent, synthetic opioid, Jose Ortiz-Rosado had 5.2 grams, or .18 of an ounce, of crack cocaine, police said.

Ortiz-Rosado, 46, was arrested on Broad Street on Wednesday afternoon and charged with stealing a firearm, criminal possession of a pistol/revolver, illegal possession of a large-capacity magazine and criminal trespass, police said. His drug charges were possession of narcotics and

possession with intent to sell.

Community service officers from the Southwest District made the arrest, police said.

Hartford police said they recovered or seized 330 guns last year and took another 213 off the streets through gun buyback events.

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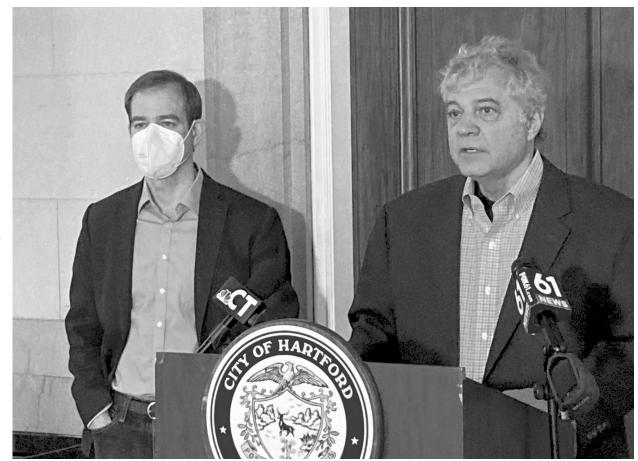
officials are considering many strategies to fill manufacturing jobs. Advanced manufacturing education programs have been established at community colleges and technical schools, businesses are promoting manufacturing at high schools and community colleges and trade shows are organized to draw in the next manufacturing workers.

The state Department of Labor reported 6,397 manufacturing job postings in December, down from 6,717 in November.

Bronin said the goal is to introduce potential students to a career in manufacturing, complete their education at Goodwin or do both.

"The whole point here is to make sure that it's easy and accessible to anybody in our community who is looking for that opportunity," he said.

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Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, left, and Goodwin University President Mark Scheinberg announce a partnership to open storefront manufacturing training centers later this year. **HARTFORD COURANT**

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Why is nonfatal shooting clearance rate so low?

Both murders and nonfatal shootings tend to rise from gangs and the drug trade. These cases are hard to solve, police say, in large part because both witnesses and victims refuse to cooperate with investigators.

Their reasons for keeping quiet include a distrust of police, the street code against snitching, belief that police are unlikely to catch the offenders and some victims' preference for retaliation outside the criminal justice system, according to experts cited in the grant application.

Findings from a recent study of incarcerated shooting victims found that 66% who did not cooperate with

Hartford Shooting Victims Shooting victims in Hartford over last 5 years and percent change from previous year Year 2021

 Year
 Shooting

 2021
 183 (-27.56%)

 2020
 225 (57.34%)

 2019
 143 (0.00%)

 2018
 143 (6.72%)

 2017
 134

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police either knew their shooters or had identifying information, but did not cooperate due to distrust or belief that the police did not care about helping them, according to the grant application.

In Hartford, 34% of shooting cases in 2019 and 27% in 2020 were closed out explicitly due to uncooperative victims/witnesses, the grant application says.

"Given that less than

25% of shooters in the city are apprehended for their crimes, it can be difficult to overcome the legal cynicism and fear of retaliation that prevents victims and witnesses from aiding investigations," the grant application says.

What can be done?

Historically, nonfatal

shootings often are investigated by detectives who have higher caseloads. Formed in March 2021, the Shooting Response Team seeks to dedicate the same time and resources to nonfatal shooting investigations that have been applied to homicides.

The six-member team, the grant application says, "emphasizes a victim-centric approach that is expected to play a vital role in clearing shooting cases."

All shooting victims are connected to victim advocates through the state's attorney's office of victim services, and victims at-risk for becoming tomorrow's shooters are referred to outreach and service providers whenever possible, Hartford police say.

What will the grant fund?

The grant will support continuation and expansion of the team (the goal is to hire two more members by March) and an evaluation after two years. The evaluation will explore whether the effort significantly improved responses to nonfatal shootings and increased clearance rates. Caseloads are to be evaluated annually to reassess whether additional investigators are needed.

Also, police say a new crime analyst in the major crimes division will help the Shooting Response Team gather intelligence and analyze data. The team also has a research partner, Lisa Barao, assistant professor of criminal justice at Westfield State University.

Police Chief Jason Thody said the grant gives the department "additional tools to help keep Hartford families safe by allowing us to investigate nonfatal shooting incidents more rapidly and with the increased focus they deserve."

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The ex-husband had access to one child's cellphone and found messages from Kerry Caviasca telling the boy and girl to stay in the basement.

"Hi mom," one child wrote on that Sunday night, according to the warrant. "What are we going to have for dinner?" The warrant says Kerry Caviasca answered, "Just eat candy. I'm sorry ... whatever is downstairs ... there's so much downstairs ... I'll make it up to you." One child told police later they had snacks and food was ordered for them several times through Uber Eats, the warrant says.

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The former husband told police he sent his father

over to the house to check on the children, but no one answered the door, the warrant says.

On Dec. 17, the ex-husband told police he had an emergency temporary custody order from Family Court for one of the children. He asked that police accompany him to his ex-wife's home. Police said Kerry Caviasca greeted them, admitted that she

had gone to Florida for the November weekend, but that her brother had watched the children, the warrant says.

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Her brother said he did not remember the weekend and "did not wish be be involved" in the investigation, police said. Later, however, police interviewed both children and both said they were left alone, according to

the warrant. Police also checked the brother's work schedule at the U.S. Post Office and found he had worked that weekend, the warrant says.

Neither Kerry Caviasca nor her attorney could be reached immediately.

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Special master recommends state congressional map with few changes

By Mark Pazniokas CT Mirror

A Connecticut congressional map recommended Tuesday by a court-appointed special master makes minimal changes in the racial, political and geographic features of districts that have produced only Democratic victories since 2008.

The map drawn by Nathaniel Persily, a Stanford political scientist and law professor, was not unexpected, given the state Supreme Court's directive that he make only the changes necessary to equalize the population of the five districts.

"The Special Master's Plan complies with the applicable provisions of federal law and the additional requirements as ordered by this Court," Persily wrote. "It moves the minimum number of people necessary in order to achieve population equality. It does so while also not splitting or moving any additional towns.'

If the revisions are adopted by the court, the political balance of power would seem to be little changed, with the 1st, 3rd and 4th districts being solidly Democratic and the 2nd and 5th leaning Democratic but competitive.

House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, co-chair of the Reapportionment Commission, said that the new lines did nothing to weaken the bases of the Democratic incumbents in the most competitive districts, U.S. Reps. Joe Courtney of the 2nd and Jahana Hayes of the 5th. One measure of



An aerial view focusing on the Connecticut State House. A Connecticut congressional map recommended Tuesday by a court-appointed special master makes minimal changes in the features of districts that have produced only Democratic victories since 2008. CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL/

their competitiveness: Republicans carried both districts in the 2018 gubernatorial election.

The court will hold a public hearing on the map on Jan. 27. Persily's report and other maps highlighting the changes can be read at jud.ct.gov/supremecourt.

The court assumed control over congressional reapportionment once the legislature's bipartisan Reapportionment Commission missed a constitutional deadline of Nov. 30 and then deadlocked when given an extension to Dec. 21.

The proposed new map is slightly more compact than the existing one, but the notorious "lobster claw" from the 5th into the 1st survives.

The claw is the result of a bipartisan gerrymander 20 years ago when Connecticut lost one of its

six seats and the map was drawn to meet the political needs of two incumbents placed in the redrawn 5th District: Democrat James Maloney of Danbury and Republican Nancy Johnson of New Britain.

Republicans won three of the five seats in 2002 and 2004, one in 2006 and none in the years since.

The congressional map drawn after the 2000 Census was the last one on which a legislative Reapportionment Commission could agree. Ten years later, the commission deadlocked, and Persily was hired by the court to make only minimal revisions necessary to equalize the districts — the same charge given him now.

House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford, a commission member, expressed frustration at the commission once

again yielding responsibility to a court unwilling to direct a more ambitious overhaul.

"I wish that the commission could have drawn a map that would have taken other factors into consideration," Candelora said. "We're not better off having a special master draw it regardless of what the political outcomes may be after these races."

Republicans had pressed the court to be more ambitious and order Persily to make geographic compactness a criteria. The GOP urged reuniting Torrington, now split between the 5th and 1st, and placing all of it the 5th, bringing it more Republican voters.

"The decision on whether or how to unite Torrington has significant ripple effects throughout the rest of the plan," Persily wrote. "As also became quite clear in the back-and-forth in the briefs and testimony, the parties believe the decision in Torrington — whether to unite and if so, where to place it has significant electoral impli-

The other changes rippled to three other divided communities: Glastonbury, Middletown and

Persily said the questions of whether to make the districts more compact or more competitive were "perfectly legitimate considerations" for the legislature and its Reapportionment Commission.

"However, the Court expressly prohibited the Special Master from consideration of political consequences or even evaluation of political data," Persily wrote. "Moreover, from the testimony received, it became clear that the parties disagree as to where Torrington 'belongs' and that deciding one way or the other would require appeal to some principle not present in the Court's order.'

The final plans of the Republicans and Democrats were not dissimilar, with the differences focused mainly on the fate of Torrington, split between the 1st and 5th, and Glastonbury, split between the 1st and 2nd. But the Republican version would have moved about 125,000 from one district to another, while the versions offered by the special master affected 87,000, similar to the Democratic plan.

Last week, Persily gave the legislative commission one last chance to come up with a plan. The commission took no action.

To be equal, each district needed a population of 721,189.

The 2020 Census found that growth in Fairfield County required the 4th and, to a lesser degree the 5th, to lose population, while the already sprawling 2nd of eastern Connecticut needed to pick up 21,288 people. Persily moved more of Glastonbury from the 1st to the 2nd.

The revised 1st would move more of divided Middletown from the 3rd represented by Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro into the 1st represented by Rep. John B. Larson. With the gain of Shelton voters and loss of Middletown's, DeLauro's district appears to become slightly less Democratic.



Rockin Chicken owner Kate Colan has organized a fundraiser to help chef Luis Bernal, who displays a phone image of his Hartford apartment that was destroyed by fire. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

'A person can lose everything in a minute'

Rockin Chicken hosts fundraiser for its chef who lost everything in an apartment fire

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

The Rockin Chicken, a Peruvian rotisserie chicken restaurant at 476 Franklin Ave. in Hartford, will host a fundraiser Jan. 24 to raise money for its chef, who lost his home and all his belongings in a Jan. 12 apart-

The restaurant usually is closed on Mondays, but it will open that day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., serving a limited menu. Owner Kate Colan said 100% of the proceeds will be given to Luis Bernal.

On the morning of Jan. 12, Bernal drove his 11-year-old son to school, then went back to his 105 Preston St. apartment in the South End to catch up on some sleep. He was woken by a fire alarm, jumped out of bed and opened the door of his bedroom.

"The dining room was black and

orange," Bernal said.

The flames blasted toward him when he opened that door. He ran through the blaze in his bare feet and out the door of his first-floor

"I didn't see anything. I just ran," he said.

He made it out safely and stood in the cold air in his bare feet watching his home burn with everything he owned inside: furniture, TV, kitchenware, clothes, even his Christmas tree. His car keys burned, too, which means he can't drive his car.

The Red Cross gave Bernal and his son, Lionel, a place to stay for a night and a \$500 gift card to be used for clothes and food only. Lionel relocated to his mother's home. Bernal now lives with his brother and is looking for a new apartment with the help of city social services.

Eight people were injured in the

fire: Seven were treated for smoke inhalation and one woman broke her ankle when she jumped from a window. Twenty families were displaced. The cause of the fire is still being investigated. Colan saw the news reports of the fire.

"The address didn't register in my mind until he called me," she said. "I was so sad. A person can lose everything in a minute. This could happen to any of us."

In Peru, Bernal's native country, a "pollada" is held when someone has a financial crisis.

"People cook food in their homes and get together and sell it and make money and give it all to the person so he can start over," Colan said.

She liked the idea of a pollada better than a Gofundme.

"It's winter and there's COVID going on. People have so many struggles at the moment. I didn't want to ask people to just give money," she said. "This way everyone can get a good meal while doing something for someone."

Colan kept the offerings on Jan. 24 limited and affordable. For \$15. the choices are a quarter-chicken with two sides and two sauces; chaufa de pollo a la brasa; seco de carne; or pasta verde. For \$10, the offerings are a choice of pork chicharron sandwich, a mostrito burrito, salchipapas or a large soup of the day (aguadito, chicken or beef). Donations also will be accepted through Jan. 31 and can be made at therockinchicken.com through the online ordering system.

"Hopefully we will get a good turnout," Colan said. "We have got some donations already."

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.

Jury indicts man on drug, gun charges

Staff Report

A Hartford man has been indicted on narcotics distribution and firearm possession offenses, according to federal authorities.

A federal grand jury in Hartford returned the indictment against Michael Davis, 33, who has been detained in state custody since April 2021, federal authorities said in a statement.

Davis appeared Wednesdav via videoconference before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert M. Spector and pleaded not guilty, federal authorities said in the statement.

Davis allegedly possessed crack cocaine and ecstasy that he intended to distribute, and a Remington Arms, model RP9, 9mm handgun in February 2021, according to federal authorities.

Davis' criminal history includes state felony convictions for firearm and narcotics offenses and it is a violation of federal law for a person previously convicted of a felony to possess a firearm or ammunition that has moved in interstate or foreign commerce, according to federal authori-

The three-count indictment charges Davis with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, also known as crack and MDMA, also known as "ecstasy, which carries a maximum term in prison of 20 years; possession of a firearm by a felon, which carries a maximum term in prison of 10 years; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, which carries a mandatory minimum term of five years in prison and up to life imprisonment, federal authorities said in the statement.

The indictment also seeks forfeiture of the handgun and \$1,020 seized from Davis at the time of his arrest.

The case was investigated by the FBI's Connecticut Violent Crime Task Force and the Hartford Police Department: it is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Konstantin Lantsman.

Glastonbury business owner gets prison in tax case, feds say

Staff Report

A Glastonbury business owner was sentenced to six months in prison for filing false tax returns, according to federal authorities.

George Lee, 51, also was sentenced this week by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant in Hartford to serve one year of supervised release and to pay a \$5,500 fine, federal authorities said in a state-

Lee owns and operates American U.S.A. Paving and for the 2015 through 2018 tax years, provided his tax return preparer with information that substantially understated

gross receipts for the paving business, federal authorities said in the statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

"As a result, Lee's personal federal income tax returns for the 2015 through 2018 tax years, which Lee authorized his preparer to file with the IRS, underreported his income

by a total of more than \$588,000, resulting in a tax loss of \$154,238," federal authorities said in the state-

Lee has paid full restitution to the IRS, federal authorities said in the statement.

Lee pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false tax return on July 20, 2021, federal authorities said.

Lee is free on bond and is required to report to prison on March 30, according to federal authorities.

The investigation was done by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; it was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher W. Schmeisser.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bruce Joseph Mosca (21-0795)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Cour, by decree dated January 18, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Susan C. Johnson, 17 Jefferson Circle Clinton, CT 06413

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Craig B. Dillman, Jr. (21-00967)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is: Craig A. Dillman Sr., 175 West Road Beacon Falls, CT 06403 1/21/2022 7131350

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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1/21/22 7131340

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary J. Grussy, Late of Old Saybrook (21-0801)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate. District of Saybrook Ine Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated January 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to prover on such claim. to recover on such claim

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

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City of Bristol, Connecticut INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting sealed responses on the following:

2A22-057B Annual Requirements for Swimming Pool Chemicals; bids due February 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Proposal submissions will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until the date and time noted above; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. Interested firms are required to submit one original are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below the City does not assume responsibility by the City by the date and time noted above.

The successful bidder shall not discrimi The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

City of Bristol Purchasing Department 111 North Main St, Bristol, CT 06010 Tel. (860) 584-6195 Fax (860) 584-6171

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jean S. Stent. Late of New York, NY, AKA Jean S. T. Santoiemma Stent, AKA Jean Santoiemma Stent, AKA Jean Santoiemma (21-0769)

The Hon, 21-0769, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated January 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

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Martin W. Ronan, Jr. c/o JOHN L SENNING, ESSEX LAW GROUP OFFICES, 9-2 NOVELTY LANE, PO. BOX 38, ESSEX. CT 06426 1/21/2022 7131333

TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS LEGAL NOTICE PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

certified list of forty-one (41) Republican party-endorsed candidates for the town of Windsor Locks is on file in my office at 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to number of lown committee members to be elected, under party rules, is fifty (50). A Primary will be held March 1, 2022, if thirteen (13) candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed such party in the mulniplanity are lined in accordance with §9-382 to 9-450 inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates expreads the of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Jennifer Juszczynski, Republican Registrar of Voters, 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks CT.

Christopher Latournes
Town Clerk of Windsor Locks
1/21/2022 7131443

WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT of the City of Middletown 653 East Street Middletown, CT 06457

Legal Notice

Call for the Annual Meeting of the Westfield Fire District of the City of Middletown;

The annual meeting of the Westfield Fire District of the City of Middletown will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. via a Zoom Webinar - see access information below. Public Attendance visit: https://

us06web.zoom.us/j/81027890439 Zoom.us / Join a meeting Webinar ID: 810 2789 0439/ Passcode: 932717

Dial 646-558-8656/ID & Passcode

The purpose of the meeting is:

To transact any and all business which may properly come before said meeting.

An annual election to elect Commissioners to the Westfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is normally held on the first Tuesday in February; however, the Commission has found it is in the best interest of the public's health, good governance, and order of the District due to coronavirus concerns, to postpone the election and to take the following additional measures:

1) The election to elect Commissioners scheduled for February 1, 2022 has been postponed until May 10,2022.

The Commission hereby confirms that candidate filings for the postponed election will remain valid for the election being held on May 10, 2022 and the candidate filing period will not be re-opened for the May election date.

The Westfield Fire District of the City of Middletown 1/21/2022 7128983

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PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Request for a variance of Section 21.02 for the minimum front yard requirement to construct an extension of a covered porch and a new dining room at 35 Fairview Avenue. Applicant/agent Ann C. Burke V2022-1

Steven Kovach, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals 1/21, 1/28/2022 7128893

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location individuals. indicated: ExtraSpace Storage, 56 Pameacha Ave, Middletown,Ct 06457 860-575-7610 January 26,2022 at 11:00 AM

Joseph Alfano Unit#2130

Eamonn Galvin

Unit#3097

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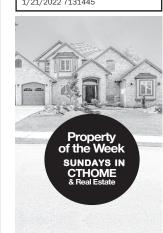
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of 1/14/22, 1/21/22 7124188

TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS LEGAL NOTICE PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

A certified list of thirty-seven (37) Democrat party-endorsed candidates for the town of Windsor Locks is on file in my office at 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is forty-five

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022, if thirteen (12) candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with §9-382 to 9-450 inclusive. of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates and didacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from John Ferrari, Democrat Registrar of Voters, 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks CT.

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Morris triples down on her country roots

Singer-songwriter using her pop arsenal in unexpected ways

By Joe Coscarelli The New York Times

It was always supposed to be when, not if, for Maren Morris' permanent pop crossover.

A Nashville songwriter from Texas-turned-irrepressible country headliner, Morris was, from the jump, as fluent in the Spice Girls and Beyonce as she was in the Chicks and Patty Griffin. She was also a tattooed, spray-tanned, nose-ringed liberal firecracker who posed for Playboy — arguing, hey, Dolly did it — in a stubbornly old-fashioned town especially discriminating

about its female stars. When Morris did dip a stiletto into the Top 40 metaverse not long after her debut album, lending her missile of a voice to "The Middle" by the EDM maestro Zedd in 2018, the result was beyond affirmation: The track became a ubiquitous, multiplatinum smash, with Morris' emphatic "bay-bay!" alone proving her mettle in the pop firmament.

Then came the plot twist: She may have been a sly traditionalist all along.

Morris followed "The Middle" with her second album, "Girl," from 2019, which sounded sleek but not shiny and birthed a slow-burning supernova of its own in "The Bones," a sturdy No. 1 record across adult contemporary and country radio stations alike. She also joined the Highwomen, a country supergroup featuring Brandi Carlile, Amanda Shires and

Natalie Hemby. Morris' new album,

"Humble Quest," out March 25, is a tripling down on those roots — an inti-mate, homemade singersongwriter showcase that forgoes bells, whistles, 808s and genre-stretching ambition for its own sake. Having dug her heels in on Nashville as home, both literally and musically, Morris seems to have realized that the most rebellious way to be a young female country singer was to insist on staying a country singer. Nashville would just have to get used to her.

"I think I got enough of my fill," Morris, 31, said recently, recalling the success of "The Middle" more than 1 billion streams, Top 5 on the Billboard Hot 100, Grammy nominations for record and song of the year.

"This was massive," she recognized, but maybe not sustainable. "I think I'm ready to go back and do my own thing."

The last two years, in ways both cosmic and close at hand, happened to lend themselves to an artistic recentering, not sprawl. In late 2019, one of her closest collaborators, the producer known as busbee, died soon after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. Then, in March 2020, as the pandemic reached the U.S. in force, Morris gave birth to her first child, leading to a postpartum depression that may have been affected by the broader circumstances as well, she said.

With live shows and studio sessions on hold. Nashville was also being spiritually upended by the racial justice protests around the country, which landed especially hard in communities and industries that had long avoided obvious issues. Morris released a one-off protest song ("America, we're better than this") and, that November, used her acceptance speech for female vocalist of the year at the CMA Awards to spotlight the work of Black women in the genre. "They are as country as it gets," she said.

Through parsing her own usefulness as an activist and learning to reject what she called Nashville's "scarcity complex" among female performers in favor of community, Morris found her footing again.

"I am grateful that she stayed in Nashville - we need her," said Hemby, Morris' friend, bandmate and frequent co-writer. "She's a pillar in our community."

But "Humble Ouest" does not seek to hide the hybrid nature of Morris' gifts as a soulful, R&Bobsessed hook machine and a storyteller in a Southern tradition. Instead, she deploys the pop arsenal available to her in unexpected ways.

For Morris, "Circles Around This Town," the album's opening track and first single (written with husband and country singer Ryan Hurd, Julia Michaels and Jimmy Robbins), is pure autobiography — a pop-country song about moving to Nashville and wanting so badly to write popular country songs. In the lyrics, she even drops a winking reference to the initial hits that established her name in town, "My Church" and



Singer-songwriter Maren Morris on Dec. 9 in Tennessee. KRISTINE POTTER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"80s Mercedes," hoping to channel some of that earlier, blithe confidence.

"I was like, 'Where's this girl been?" Morris said of the song's writing process, a turning point that helped to break her out of a linger-ing 2020 funk. "It was so refreshing."

Ultimately optimistic and zoomed-in, with tributes to her son ("Hummingbird") and husband ("Tall Guys," among others), the album does not dwell on her recent upheaval. But Morris' path to becoming a utilitarian superstar, steady atop her platform, is encapsulated economically on the title track, "Humble Ouest," when she sings, "I was so nice till I woke up/ I was polite till I spoke up."

Vocal and forthright, though not always flawless, on issues of equity

in Nashville, gun control and the casual use of racist language by the country superstar Morgan Wallen, Morris has been praised as a risk-taker in the face of the genre's circledwagons orthodoxy. But she has also been dinged as overly self-assured from both sides, and sought to document on her album the all-purpose humbling she has received from the universe in recent years.

"Knowing that I'm not the educator was a big pill to swallow," Morris said, recalling how she chimed in on Twitter amid the Wallen uproar, and then maybe wished she hadn't. ... I just know that my allyship has to be more proactive and not reactive."

Change has come to Nashville in recent years, though "it's not moving

nearly fast enough," Morris said. "I think there's crumbs that are given out to people to make it feel like there's progress. But once you're awake to it — how the system protects itself — you can't close your eyes again. So you kind of have to be the squeaky wheel."

She tries to keep in mind a big question: Are you willing to burn down the system that serves vou? To demonstrate Nashville's chumminess, Morris pointed out that her husband was a writer on one of Wallen's singles, while an early Wallen EP featured a song written by

"I've had the matches," Morris said. "But I feel like it's not going to be in a tweet, it's going to be with my own actions and decision-making."

CELEBRITIES

HBO leads GLAAD Media Awards

From news services

HBO and HBO Max have become the top contenders at the GLAAD Media Awards with a combined 19 nominations, landing the bulk of its nods for its TV shows such as "Hacks," "The Other Two" and "The Sex Lives of College Girls."

The annual awards honor media for fair and accurate representations of LGBTQ people. Streaming services nabbed a total of 63 nominations, with cable receiving 39 nominations, and broadcast networks receiving 17 nominations.

The films nominated include "Eternals," "Everybody's Talking About Jamie," "The Mitchells vs. the Machines," "tick, tick ... BOOM!" and "West Side

Netflix had 17 nominations, and Hulu received seven nominations, while ABC, MSNBC and Peacock all received four nods. In the Spanish-language categories, Univision and Telemundo both received two nominations.

Of the 30 television shows nominated in three categories — outstanding comedy, drama or new TV series – 18 feature transgender or nonbinary characters, including "Pose," "9-1-1: Lone Star," "Good Trouble," "Grey's Anatomy," "The L Word: Generation Q," "Star Trek: Discovery" and "The Sex Lives of College Girls."

Music artists who earned GLAAD nominations include Lil Nas X, Halsey, Arlo Parks, Japanese Breakfast, Kaytranada, Demi Lovato, Mykki Blanco and BROCK-HAMPTON. Among the special recognition award recipients were "Jeopardy!" champion Amy Schneider and "The Laverne Cox Show."

Baldwin sued for defamation: The widow and two sisters of a U.S. Marine



Amrit Kaur, from left, Alyah Chanelle Scott and Pauline Chalamet in "The Sex Lives of College Girls." HBO MAX

killed in Afghanistan are suing Alec Baldwin, alleging the actor exposed them to a flood of social media hatred by claiming on Instagram that one sister was an "insurrectionist" for attending former President Donald Trump's Washington, D.C., rally on Jan. 6 last year.

The sister, Roice McCollum, protested peacefully and legally; was not among those who stormed the U.S. Capitol that day; and, after being interviewed by the FBI, "was never detained. arrested, accused of or charged with any crime," according to the lawsuit filed Monday.

The lawsuit alleges invasion of privacy, defamation, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress and seeks \$25 million in damages.

Singer Parris dies: Fred Parris, 85, the lead singer of the 1950s harmony group the Five Satins and composer of the classic doo-wop ballad "In the Still of the Night," has died. Parris died Jan. 13 after a brief illness, according to his music manager, Pat Marafiote.

Parris was in his late teens, and on military guard duty in Philadelphia, when thoughts of his

girlfriend inspired an early rock standard. Released in 1956, "In the Still of the Night" only reached No. 24 on the Billboard pop charts but became a multimillion seller through reissues and appearances on compilation and soundtrack albums.

German actor Kruger dies: Hardy Kruger, 93, considered one of post-war Germany's best actors, has died. His literary agent, Peter Kaefferlein, said Thursday that Kruger died "suddenly and unexpectedly" Wednesday in California. Kruger starred in the 1957 British movie "The One That Got Away." Kruger also appeared in a string of English-language adventure and war movies, including "Barry Lyndon" (1975), "A Bridge too Far" (1977) and "The Wild Geese" (1978).

Jan. 21 birthdays: Actor Jill Eikenberry is 75. Guitarist Jimmy Ibbotson is 75. Musician Billy Ocean is 72. Actor Robby Benson is 66. Actor Geena Davis is 66. Actor Charlotte Ross is 54. Actor Ken Leung is 52. Singer Cat Power is 50. DJ Chris Kilmore is 49. Singer Emma Bunton is 46. Singer Nokio is 43. Actor Luke Grimes is 38.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Group texts leave family member flummoxed

Dear Amy: My extended family members prefer to communicate through texting. Group texts are routinely over 500 words long.

Full-blown fights and disagreements are communicated through texting.

If I telephone someone because I don't enjoy typing on the phone, they

won't answer. I recently found out that a family member had COVID-19. I learned this through a posting on Facebook.

When I responded to the Facebook post by saying I hope everyone gets better soon, I was yelled at by text for not texting my well wishes!

I can't take these text fights anymore, and my husband is so frustrated that he wants to end all

communication. I am OK with texting to a degree – you know: "Meet you at 10," "Thank you for the gift," etc., but long and drawn-out text chains about important issues is leading to more division and hostility. What is the best way to deal with this? Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: You seem to assume that whoever yells at you the loudest is correct. That might be the norm in your family but, generally if someone posts on Facebook, then a response to that posting is also appropriate on Facebook.

If you don't want to be yelled at or included in group fights among extended family members, then leave the room.

Group texts can be extremely disruptive as your phone blows up.

Group texts can also lead

to misunderstandings, because people often seem to type faster than they think.

You can leave this virtual family reunion by doing a search on "how to leave a group text," and follow the instructions for your device.

If you choose to do this, yes, you will miss out on some of your family's roundelays, gossip, updates and fights. You won't care, because you won't know about these things.

Stay on Facebook if that works for you, and text or call individual family members that you want to stay in touch with. Also, send postcards, letters, telegrams or ice cream cakes. Communicate with others the way you want to.

Dear Amy: I am a female senior citizen. I'm active and slim, and I have a healthy diet.

When I attend family events, there is always plenty of food. My problem is that the obese women in my family like to make comments about my plate.

They say things like, "Is that all you're eating? No wonder you're so skinny."

Then everyone who heard the comment will laugh or add another comment. I find this annoying and hurtful.

If I commented on an obese person's plate and said, "You're eating all that? No wonder you're obese!" I would be vilified, while she would get defended.

I don't understand the double standard.

What would be a good comeback that would put a stop to this without caus-

ing harm? - Stop Judging Me Dear Judging: You might set a better example for the others in your family if you didn't also describe them

only by their body type. I realize this runs counter to your overall point, but when another person calls you "skinny," I think there is a possibility that she believes she is complimenting you.

That's because in our cultural vernacular, "skinny" is, for many, still the ideal.

All the same, you don't want people to comment on your food choices and your body shape — and you are correct to call out the double standard when it comes to comments.

If this happens again, you could say, "I have an idea — how about we all agree not to comment on each other's food choices and body size? Let's just enjoy our meal."

Dear Amy: "Disgusted" wrote to you asking what to do about her drunken friend.

Videotape her! When she sees her own actions, mouth open, drooling food down her front or falling down drunk, it may be just the wake-up call she needs.

It worked for a friend. Been There

Dear Been There:

"Disgusted" had already shamed her friend. The friend had already been to rehab. I don't think she needed a "wake-up call" as much as clear boundaries, TLC and professional help.

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Kenneth Branagh remains in awe of Judi Dench

'Belfast' director, actor have worked together 12 times

By Glenn Whipp Los Angeles Times

A couple years ago, Kenneth Branagh was driving to Judi Dench's Surrey home to read her his screenplay and offer her the role of the grandmother for "Belfast," his personal story about growing up in Northern Ireland in the 1960s during the sectarian strife of the Troubles. Dench and Branagh have worked together 12 times now, so there's a shorthand and familiarity between them, a connection that Dench chalks up to them almost sharing a December birthday ("many years apart," Dench, 87, notes).

Still, Branagh, 61, remains a bit in awe of Dench, still remembering what it was like when he first worked with her on a 1987 BBC production of Ibsen's "Ghosts," and he couldn't quite fathom that this legend, this Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, was actually taking him seriously. ("Or at least she was doing a wonderful performance of treating me like an equal operator," Branagh says, smiling.)

Thus, Branagh's "Belfast" reading for Dench felt like an audition. And as he was acting out the movie and putting every ounce of energy he had into the reading, in his mind, Branagh was picturing Dench sitting across from him, stroking a Persian cat like the Bond villain Blofeld, and saying, "So, Mr. Branagh ... you really think this is a movie'

'She has a very healthy, a very rigorous, and I would say savage, artistic judgment and artistic conscience," Branagh says. He's seated next to Dench, and when she hears Branagh's description of her acumen, she bristles.

"I certainly don't believe



Caitriona Balfe, from left, Jamie Dornan, Judi Dench, Jude Hill and Lewis McAskie in "Belfast," ROB YOUNGSON/FOCUS FEATURES

'savage,'" Dench says, frowning. "I mean 'savage' in terms of rigorous," Branagh, chastened, offers, walking the word back a bit.

Dench turns to him. "Was I savage when I gave you notes for 'Much Ado About

Nothing'?" Branagh knows where this is headed. "Well ." he begins. But she cuts him off. "You wouldn't stay for the notes!"

"We have had our run-ins about these kinds of things," Branagh says. "I would say 'savagery' in terms of being an artistic Puritan." Dench nods, satisfied. "That is much nicer." Branagh laughs. "Well, it's in the same world!"

The whole conversation goes like this. A question is asked, and Branagh will answer with a polite earnestness, enunciating every word with peerless precision. And then Dench will tease him or correct the record or say something to make him laugh.

Branagh

It has been this way between them from the beginning, since that longago production of "Ghosts." The director tried to create and enforce what he thought

was a proper atmosphere of tension on the set. Branagh, Dench and castmate Michael Gambon were seated around a dinner table, rehearsing a scene. Potatoes were being served. Instead of asking for one, Gambon demanded eight. Branagh and Dench lost it and were asked to leave the set for the day.

"I knew I could always work with Ken after that," Dench says.

And she did, starring in Branagh's 1989 feature film directorial debut, "Henry V," which came a year after Dench directed Branagh in that stage version of "Much Ado About Nothing," the production that, all these years later, has not been forgotten by either party.

"You can tell this story, Judi," Branagh says.

"I will tell this story," Dench says, not needing his permission. "I was asked to direct 'Much Ado About Nothing' ..." "Which she did brilliantly," Branagh interjects. Dench looks at him, annoyed at the praise. "Which I did," she says,

dryly. "I loved doing it, but it's very foreign for an actor to be a director," Dench continues. "I don't care for it much, because they all go off to the pub and don't tell you where they're going. I don't like it. I don't like it at all. I like being part of the bunch. But, anyway, I did it. And then I went to see it when they were on tour (with the play). And Ken knew I was there — I'm not going to say how badly you behaved — and he left before I could give him my notes."

Branagh says he left because he was terrified. He had defied Dench by adding a line into a scene for a cheap laugh - a good laugh, but a wrong laugh and he knew he was going to get an earful. "Again, artistic Puritan No. 1, Judi Dench," Branagh says. And though it has been 35 years,

losing that line remains a

painful subject. "I took it out, I did," Branagh says. "I mean, it broke my heart. It broke my heart, because I came up with all sorts of cobblers as to why it was probably all right, and I quoted Shakespearean clowns who probably improvised a bit. I had plenty of other laughs, legitimate laughs in a very brilliant comedy by a distinguished author. But I decided that that one was particularly delicious. I learned my lesson, and it was gone."

"But only after I gave you that note I don't know how many times," Dench says, a twinkle in her eye.

The woman Dench plays in "Belfast" is modeled after Branagh's grandmother, though it's clear she isn't far removed from Dench herself in

her directness, fortitude and capacity for humor. "Jude," as Branagh often calls her, shared many scenes with Jude Hill, the young actor (he was 10 at the time of filming) playing Buddy, Branagh's precocious stand-in. "The two Judes," Branagh calls them. "Young Jude and slightly less young Jude." "Decrepit Jude," Dench says, laughing.

Their most memorable moment comes on a deserted bus when the two are returning from seeing "A Christmas Carol" and the grandmother shares her cherished memories of watching movies when she was a little girl. "Lost Horizon" was a favorite. "I used to think you could climb right inside the screen," she tells Buddy, "and visit all those strange places." When he asks if she ever visited the idyllic Shangri-La of "Lost Horizon," the camera captures a wistful Dench answering, "There were no roads to Shangri-La from our part of Belfast."

There's a compassion in that moment that Judi brings, and you see it in her beautiful, beautiful smile," Branagh says

It's no surprise, given their history and her standing, that Branagh chose to end "Belfast" with a close-up of Dench. They did 12 takes, patiently working together to make each one a bit different until Branagh knew Dench nailed it. He went back to double-check the take and, listening to it, heard a strange noise. Branagh asked the sound mixer what happened. "That's your intake of breath," he was told.

"She was so bloody good, she had literally taken my breath away," Branagh says. Dench lets out a hearty laugh. "We kept working, didn't we?" she asks Branagh. "We didn't settle. Never settle." Branagh smiles. "And that's why I keep asking you to be in my movies and pray that you'll say yes."

Oxygen's latest true-crime series delves into Atlanta murder cases

By Rodney Ho Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Following a year when the city of Atlanta had its most homicides since 1996, Oxygen recently debuted a new true-crime series dubbed "The Real Murders of Atlanta."

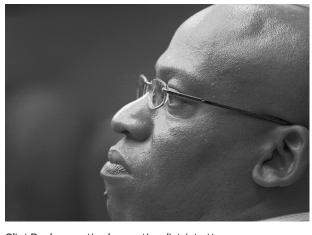
We were really riffing off the Bravo brand filter," said Stephanie Drachkovitch, co-founder of 44 Blue Productions, which also created "The Real Murders of Orange County." "The city appealed to us given its rich tapestry and history. There's sports and hip-hop, the tech industry and aviation. There's the immigration patterns in recent decades."

The series, now airing Sundays, will have 10 episodes in its first season.

Oxygen, once home to reality shows like "Bad Girls Club" and "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood," switched entirely to true crime in 2017, a genre so strong that multiple cable networks now focus on it, including ID, HLN and the True Crime

The formula for many of these types of shows is well-worn but enduring: a narrator threading the story together, talking heads providing texture, reenactments of the moments leading up to the crime and the crime itself, photos of the victim shown a dozen different ways and no shortage of ominous background music. "The Real Murders of Atlanta" includes all those elements.

The first episode, which recently aired, focused on the 1996 murder of 41-year-old Black tech entrepreneur and computer consultant Lance Herndon. Just days after the Olympics had ended, Herndon's mother found her son bludgeoned to death in his water bed



Clint Rucker, a retired executive district attorney, appears in three episodes of "The Real Murders of Atlanta." POUYAT DIANAT/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION 2007

at his 6,000-square-foot home, blood splattered all over the walls. There were no fingerprints at the crime scene, no found weapon and no witnesses.

"He was young, he loved to entertain, and he was also really smart," said co-executive producer Alleathea Carter-Perkins. "He was a major contributor to the tech boom. It's a perfect combination of what was happening at the time and a classic true crime story."

The producers talked to Herndon's son, a close tech friend, a former Roswell police officer and the eventual prosecutor Clint Rucker. (The episode is available for free on Oxygen TV's YouTube page through Feb. 2.)

Rucker, 57, retired as an executive district attorney from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in March after 26 years. He handled about 150 homicide cases during that time.

"I can provide historical context and a little educational value, things I might not have been able to talk (about) when the case was happening," Rucker said in an interview.

After every criminal case was complete, Rucker would keep a personal file in case there was an appeal. He appears in

three episodes this season. and in each, he was able to go back to those files to refresh his memory.

"These cases never entirely leave you," he said. "Certain details allow my brain to open up and remember specific things about that trial."

Among the cases featured this season are the 2012 murder of an up-and-coming rapper who went by Lil Phat that involves a Russian mobster and the 1996 murder of Judge Josephine Holmes Cook in her home. Another episode hones in on businessman David Coffin who was murdered in 1996, then had his house set ablaze. A more recent case features Mitchell Jones Jr., who was stabbed to death

in 2018 by a gay lover. Drachkovitch said they sought to make sure there was a good variety of cases: "Many of the victims in these episodes are people of color. We wanted to bring more of them to light and show there was diversity among victims as well as perpetrators."

Carter-Perkins said in terms of storytelling, "we tried to focus on the victims and why it happened as much as how it happened. Hopefully there is a takeaway in each episode."

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): Your suspicions that your peers don't respect your work could get you feeling down today. Distinguish your own frustrations from the signals others are actually putting out. You might not be objective about your own performance.

Taurus (April 20-May **20):**Do something fun and relaxing today. Taking your nose off the grindstone for a moment might actually be quite educational. If you go beyond your normal boundaries, seeing things you don't normally see can really stimulate your mind. The things you learn could give you exactly the insight you need.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You could learn a secret about a close friend. You might not know what to do. Reflect on what to do next. You may worry that your peers will judge you for associating with someone controversial, but keep this concern separate from determining what your loved one needs.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Connecting with your broader social network could go well for you now. You may bond over having surprisingly similar frustrations involving your careers. Sharing too much too soon can be a risk when you suddenly feel understood, so stay attuned to the other person's comfort.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like you aren't living up to your own expectations. The current moment might be the right time to take another close look at your finances. Even if you are generally on the right track in your career, you may be able to make some adjustments. Get paid what you're worth.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A new way of understanding your priorities could help you today. Your responsibilities and your commitments to others might still be important to you, but you may need to bring them into a more stable balance with everything else that matters. When you take care of yourself, others will also benefit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Time spent alone can be productive for you today. You might benefit from gathering your thoughts on a complicated topic. This can be good groundwork to complete, in case you do wind up discussing things with others later. You may be able to see the situation more clearly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Matchmaking could sound like fun. You may be able to see how one of your friends would benefit from knowing another. Saying the right words to make it happen won't be difficult shifting the established boundaries could affect your friendships might require more effort!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Following the money can help you make a good decision at this time. If you're stuck in a loop of deliberating about how some work that isn't what you expected may not fit with your sense of self, you might be making things more complicated than they need to be.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. **19):** Pleasure could be a complicated experience. You feel like you must be productive every single second to justify your existence. Take a more relaxed approach. Think about reading what someone else has written on this subject! That can help you feel less alone and potentially give you a new authority figure.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Unsnarling a detailed matter could go well for you now. The most challenging part may be keeping your own ego out of the way. Fears about your security could block you from seeing the best option. Try looking at the situation like an outsider would.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Being seen in a positive light may be easy right now, but you crave to be understood on a more personal level. You have to take a risk to reach out for the connection you want. Taking your fears with a grain of salt might help you identify opportunities that are likely to be fulfilling.

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On Jan. 21, 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1910, the Great Paris Flood began.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club was founded in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evad-

In 2010, a divided U.S. Supreme Court, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, increased the power of big business to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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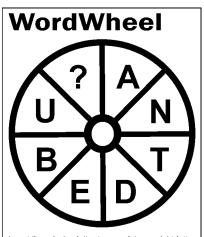


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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: a parcel of poets Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or

diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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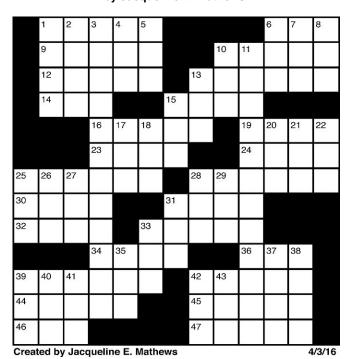
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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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- 33 Actress Burke of "Designing Women"
- _ Man"; movie for Dustin Hoffman
- 36 "Harper Valley ___"



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JUMBLE

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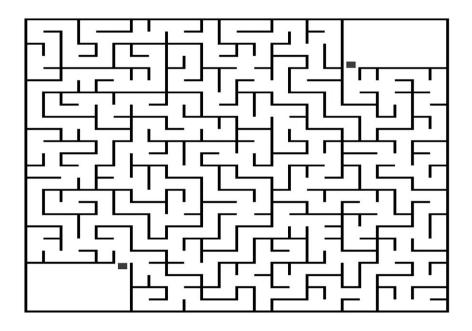
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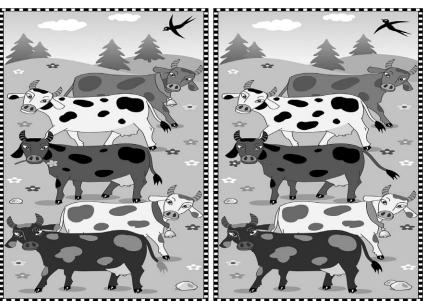
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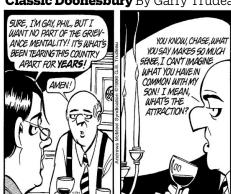








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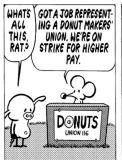








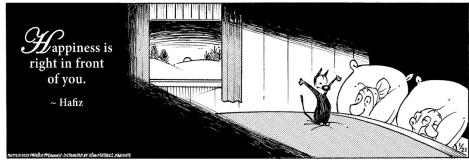
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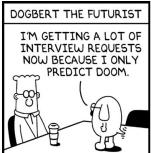
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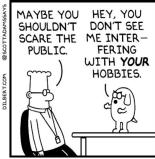






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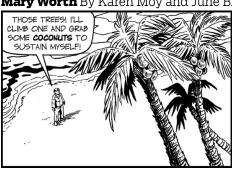


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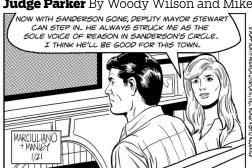


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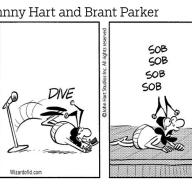






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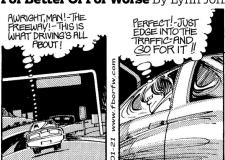
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Monty By Jim Meddick



For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston







B.C. By Hart



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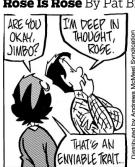
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CROSSWORD

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BRIDGE BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding quiz

Partner bids One Diamond with neither side vulnerable, and the next player passes. You have a partscore of 60. What would you bid with each of the following four

- 1. [S] A93 [H] KJ7 [D] J84 [C] AQJ2
- 2. [S] K7 [H] 85 [D] KQ75 [C] AJ943
- 3. [S] K84 [H] K2 [D] K73 [C] Q9542 4. [S] AKQ75 [H] QJ [D] K962 [C] K3
- 1. Two notrump. A two-notrump response to an opening bid of one of a suit ordinarily indicates a balanced hand containing 13 to 15 points with stoppers in the three unbid suits. The bid is forcing, and the auction must continue until game is reached.

But when there is a partscore of 60, two notrump has a different meaning. Since a response of one notrump would be sufficient to complete a game, the twonotrump bid amounts to a slam try and is usually based on 16 or 17 points. However, opener need not bid again, and, in fact, he is expected to pass with minimum values.

2. Three diamonds. The same principle applies to a jump-raise that is one level higher than necessary. Such a raise also carries with it a slam suggestion. And, as before, the jump-raise is not forcing. It is also important to note that a two-club response -- which completes the partscore -- is not forcing, and opener is free to pass. For this reason, the value bid of three diamonds, which immediately confirms a fit and alerts partner to slam possibilities, is preferred.

3. One notrump. Without the partscore, you would respond two clubs as a normal exploratory move. But it is inadvisable to bid such a weak suit under partscore conditions at a time when partner is not obligated to bid again. There is a real

danger that he will pass with two or three small trumps, and this could result in the loss of a game if the trumps are banked against you.

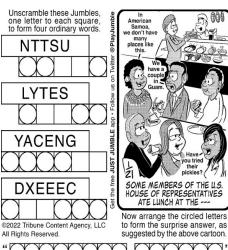
A one-notrump response is superior because it allows the contract to be made on high-card strength alone, even if you run into an unlucky distribution of the clubs. With 11 high-card points facing an opening bid, you should not worry about making one notrump if partner accepts that contract by passing. Seven tricks should be a breeze.

4. Two spades. A jump-response in a new suit (jump-shift) is 100 percent forcing and compels the opener to bid again regardless of the nature of his hand. The jump-shift differs from the jump-raise or the jump to two notrump, which are merely mild invitational moves toward a slam. There's no ceiling on the strength implied by a jump-shift. The sky's the limit.

Tomorrow: Elementary arithmetic.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



Jumbles: MOMMY

OBJECT SUBDUE JOIST Answer: The planes were chatting near the gates. The nonsensical one was a — MUMBO JUMBO JET

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mentality for now: Focus on present

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

It's been a season unlike any other for the UConn women's basketball team.

Five players expected to play huge roles in the rotation have missed time due to injuries or COVID-19. Four Big East games have been canceled with no word on whether they'll be rescheduled. And for the first time since the 2012-13 season, the Huskies have four losses before the NCAA Tournament, the latest a 72-59

throttling at the hands of Oregon on Monday.

And the Huskies aren't in the clear yet. Senior guard Christyn Williams (COVID-19 protocols) will remain out this weekend and freshman guard Azzi Fudd is progressing, but still has yet to join the team in practices. Just when UConn had started to learn how to play without Paige Bueckers, the team was forced once again to learn how to play without a key piece, and one of their few remaining go-to scorers.

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UConn forward Olivia Nelson-Ododa (20) drives to the basket against Seton Hall forward Sidney Cooks during the second half Dec. 3 in South Orange, N.J. NOAH K. MURRAY/AP

Up next



Seton Hall at **UConn (Gampel)** 7 p.m., SNY

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INJURIES

No Williams, Fudd this weekend

By Alexa Philippou

Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball fans holding out hope that Huskies guards Christyn Williams and Azzi Fudd will play against Seton Hall on Friday and St. John's on Sunday will be disappointed. UConn coach Geno Auriemma told media on Thursday that both players will be unavailable.

Williams, the team's second-leading scorer with 14.6 points per game, has been in COVID-19 protocols since Sunday. Fudd has played in just four games this season after being sidelined in early December due to the beginning of a stress reaction in her foot, though she has recently started individual work-

"The team you saw [last] Monday is the team that's playing this weekend," Auriemma said.

Auriemma added the program will know more about when both can return Monday with UConn's game at South Carolina next Thursday looming. Auriemma told Bob Joyce on the UConn Coaches Show Thursday that they're shooting for Williams to return for that game.

Still, he seemed relatively optimistic about the prospect of Williams, Fudd — and eventually Paige Bueckers — returning. Auriemma estimated that with the three of them being out,

Turn to Injuries, Page 4

PATRIOTS COMMENTARY

A new hope

It's still awkward watching Tom Brady lead the Bucs, but Mac Jones helps

By Jason Mastrodonato Boston Herald

BOSTON - When the Buccaneers host the Rams at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon with a trip to the NFC Championship on the line, Tom Brady will be looking for his sixth straight playoff win.

All five wins, of course, have been with the Bucs.

He's 5-0 with at least two touchdowns in each playoff game since 2020, when the Patriots suffered a 20-13 loss to the Titans in what ended up being Brady's last game in New England.

Watching Brady suit up for another team in the playoffs will always be weird, but the hope was that the weirdness would fade and some sense of a new normal would soon take

That process feels slow. But Mac Jones helps.

No, it's not even worth the time to compare the 23-yearold Jones to the 44-year-old Brady. But watching the Bucs win with Brady now is at least a little bit less frustrating than it was a year ago, when Brady was dominating while Cam Newton and Bill Belichick ran one of the ugliest offenses in football and the Patriots had their first losing season since Belichick's first year here in

Jones isn't Brady but he's not Newton, either. He had a good enough season and he's trending up. We saw him get into a rhythm against Brady and the Bucs in Week 4, when he had 31 completions, his highest total all year. The Pats entered the playoffs ranked 13 out of the 14 playoff teams in passing yards, but was less of a reflection on Jones and more about the run-first offense and a slow style of play.

And while the offense wasn't built to compete with Josh Allen and the Bills last weekend, it's not like the Patriots need to start looking for their next quarterback.

Jones is clearly the guy. Whether that's for one more year, two years or all three years remaining on his rookie deal, he's going to get another chance to play quarterback for

Turn to Patriots, Page 2

Donovan Clingan (dribbling the ball) is hands-down the best high school player in the state. The 7-foot-2 senior center is headed to UConn next year, giving Huskies' fans a hometown star to root for. But will he become that star? Making the jump from high school to Division I is not easy and there's no guarantee Clingan, or any other prospect, will make the leap successfully





While Clingan's goal is to be in the middle of a Dan Hurley huddle next season, there is still lots to be done between now and then. "If vou don't ... prepare every single day as hard as you can, you aren't going to have success in college," says Patrick Holmes. $coach\,of\,La$ Lumiere School in La Porte, Ind., one of the top high school programs in the nation.

NATION'S TOP **HIGH SCHOOL COACHES LAY OUT WHAT WOULD-BE DIVISION I PROSPECTS NEED TO KNOW TO REALIZE** THEIR GOALS

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

> Conn men's basketball recruit Donovan Clingan was in the zone. The Bristol Central senior spun away from one defender in the post, faked upward to throw off any help defenders, then calmly dunked the

ball, leading Bristol Central to a 53-44 victory over Springfield Central on Jan. 14 at HoopHall Classic in Springfield. He finished with 24 points, 16 rebounds and 10 blocks and made the All-Showcase second

The 7-foot-2 Clingan is ranked No. 43 in the class of 2022 by 247sports. The center has an array of impressive post moves, is a tenacious rebounder and protects the rim with devastating blocks. Clingan,

The late show

Thursday night's game at Butler ended too late for this edition. For complete coverage, go to courant.com/sports.

ON A1

Former UConn coach Kevin Ollie wins arbitration case, awarded \$11.1 million.

listed at about 250 pounds, still needs to improve his stamina and put on more muscle.

The transition from a great high school player to a good Division I college player takes time and effort. UConn fans have seen it firsthand this season as top-60 recruits Sampson Johnson and Rahsool

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6:30 p.m. **UConn WBB:** Seton Hall (Gampel), Friday, 7 p.m.; at St. John's, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at South Carolina, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Celtics: Trail Blazers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Wizards, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Kings, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Knicks: Clippers, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: at Spurs, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; at Timberwolves, Sunday, 8 p.m.; Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Merrimack, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Bruins: Jets, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Ducks, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Avalanche, Wednesday, 10 p.m. Rangers: at Hurricanes, Friday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Kings,

Monday, 7 p.m. **Wolf Pack:** at Hershey, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Springfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO ACTION SPORTS

10:35 p.m.: X Games X Games Aspen 2022. (Live) ESPN BASKETBALL

6 p.m.: Toledo at Ohio. (Live) CBSSN 7 p.m.: Women's College: Seton Hall at UConn. (Live), SNY

7 p.m.: St. Bonaventure at Duquesne. (Live) ESPN2 7 p.m.: Illinois at Maryland. (Live) FS1 7:30 p.m.: Trail Blazers at Celtics. (Live), NBCSB 8 p.m.: Kent State at Buffalo. (Live) CBSSN 8 p.m.: Raptors at Wizards. (Live) ESPN 8:30 p.m.: Nets at Spurs.

9 p.m.: Michigan State at Wisconsin. (Live) FS1 11 p.m.: Fresno State at Nevada. (Live) FS1 GOLF

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12 p.m.: Latin America Amateur Championship, Second Round. (Live)

ESPN2
12 p.m.: Hilton Grand
Vacations Tournament
of Champions, Second

Round. (Live) GOLF

3 p.m.: The American
Express, Second Round.
(Live) GOLF

7 p.m.: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Second Round.

(Live) GOLF 2 a.m. Sat.: DP World Tour Golf Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

6 p.m.: Women's College: Florida at Georgia. (Live) SEC

GYMNASTICS

7:30 p.m.: Women's College: Kentucky at Alabama. (Live) SEC **HOCKEY**

7 p.m.: Rangers at
Hurricanes. (Live), MSG
7 p.m.: Penguins at Blue
Jackets. (Live) SPRTNET
8:30 p.m.: Minnesota
Wild at Chicago
Blackhawks. (Live) NHL
9 p.m.: Michigan at
Minnesota. (Live) ESPNU
10 p.m.: Lightning at
Ducks. (Live) SPRTNET
10 p.m.: Colorado College
at Denver. (Live) CBSSN
SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Pa.m.: vs Frosinone Calcio. (Live)

3 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Watford vs Norwich City. (Live) USA **TENNIS**

9 p.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Third Round. (Live) ESPN2 WRESTLING

7 p.m.: Virginia Tech at NC State. (Live) ACC



Brad Stevens, head coach of the Celtics last season, directs his team during a game against the Hornets last season at TD Garden in Boston. **GETTY FILE**

CELTICS

Settle in for a bumpy trade deadline ride

By Mark Murphy Boston Herald

 ${
m BOSTON}$ — As the Feb. 10 trade deadline comes into view, veterans like Josh Richardson have a simple message for their younger teammates.

"I've been traded a few times, so you just kind of learn how to live with it at that point," said the Celtics wing. "It might be scary for some guys who have never been through it, but for us veterans who have been moved we know it's a business and just try to keep the other guys engaged on what's important and that's winning games."

Though one of the more active deadlines in memory is anticipated — by Ime Udoka's observation, Brad Stevens has been swamped with calls — it's not quite the time for a big move, according to one NBA executive.

One reason is the mid-conference glut that includes the Celtics and Wednesday night's opponent, Charlotte.

"It's unclear — the market has been slow with so many teams contending," the executive said via text. "Something could happen, but it's normally closer to the deadline as people don't make real offers now."

In a trade aimed as much at cap savings and flexibility as much as anything of an on-court benefit, the Celtics traded Juancho Hernangomez to San Antonio as part of a three-team trade and in exchange received the injured PJ Dozier and Bol Bol from Denver — the former out for the season with a torn ACL and the latter sidelined after foot surgery. There's a chance Bol could be available late in the season.

But Stevens, in his first year as personnel czar, has reportedly drawn confidence from the fact that thanks to moves last summer, he has a lot of team-friendly, tradeable contracts. Dennis Schroder (expiring, \$5.9 million) and Al Horford (one year left, \$14.5 million out of \$26M guaranteed) are two such examples.

"(The Celtics) have mostly all good contracts (very little dead money) so teams like a bunch of those players," the executive said of the Celtics roster.

So the key, per usual, is to sit tight where players are concerned.

GM decision could be as early as Friday

By Tom Rock Newsday

GIANTS

NEW YORK — The next general manager of the Giants will be one of the most powerful executives in franchise history, authorized to shape every aspect of the organization to his liking, able to hire the head coach of his choosing and charged with ushering in a new era of functionality and success for a team that has long been without either.

Soon we will find out who it will be with an offer, acceptance and announcement perhaps as quickly as Friday.

Giants ownership finished the third of their three in-person interviews with finalists on Thursday, hosting 49ers assistant general manager Adam Peters. He followed Buffalo assistant general manager Joe Schoen and Kansas City executive director of player personnel Ryan Poles, each of whom, like Peters, had a full day to lay out his plan, tour the team's facility and meet some of the current employees.

After more than a week of interviews — nine done virtually, three in person — co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch along with Chris Mara, the team's senior vice president of player personnel, went into tight deliberations in an effort to determine to whom they would hand over the franchise.

Upon their conclusion, ownership is expected to take a step back and allow their hire to move forward with his blueprint, ceding powers to the new general manager that had traditionally been held only at the very top of the organization.

The Mara and Tisch families will still own the team, still have final say on big decisions that require big checks to be signed and still represent the franchise in league matters. But, according to those familiar with the tone of the interviews with the finalists, they will extricate themselves from day-to-day operations and allow their new general manager to run his program as he sees fit.

"We are looking for a person who demonstrates exceptional leadership and communication abilities, somebody who will oversee all aspects of our football operations, including player personnel, college scouting and coaching," John Mara said last week when Dave Gettleman's retirement was announced.

That statement wasn't just a semantic exercise. It was a course correction.

The last time the Giants made such a drastic change in their power structure was in 1979 when Wellington Mara, after decades of managing everything from the roster to the coaching staff, handed the reins of the organization over to George Young. Then, like now, the decision to turn to an outsider came after a long and disappointing dry spell for the team. Then, like now, the Mara name was tarnished by the perception of antiquated thinking and the reality of losing football.

John Mara said last week that he has never been more embarrassed by the product the Giants have put on the field than he was this past season. To be certain, he had plenty of other options from which to choose.

Patriots

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the Patriots. That's almost certain.

It doesn't mean that it's easy to forget about Brady. Ruminating about the way he left town and wondering what it would look like if he was still sitting atop the AFC East is an unavoidable Sunday activity around here.

This version of the Pats doesn't have too many weapons on offense, but would Brady have made them look a lot better than they are? He made Giovani Bernard and Tyler Johnson, among others, look great last week and he'll probably find somebody new to spotlight against the Rams on Sunday.

It might be one of the key separators between Brady and faux-Brady types. A lot of quarter-backs can play the checkdown game that's helped make Brady so successful over the years. But how many could turn undersized slot receivers and third-down running backs into Pro Bowlers the way Brady did in New England for almost 20 years?

Wednesday was the 20th anniversary of the "Tuck Rule Game," when the Pats narrowly beat the Raiders, 16-13, in the Divisional Round before going on to topple the Rams for Brady's first Super Bowl title.

What was interesting about watching the highlights from that game was the reminder that Brady was already a surgeon at dismantling the defense with his eyes and quick decision-making, despite it being his first year as

a starting quarterback. On the final two drives, Brady most often targeted J.R. Redmond, Jermaine Wiggins and David Patten as he carved his way across the field.

These aren't Hall of Fame players, but rather solid players who Brady got the most out of in that game. This year, Jones found

a nice rapport with Kendrick Bourne, Hunter Henry and Jakobi Myers, but watching him move the ball last weekend was nothing like the way Brady could move it in 2001, even while throwing into a snowstorm.

Still, that doesn't mean this coming Sunday should be a pity party in New England.

Sure, Brady is gone. And for the first time since the 1990s, the Bills own the Patriots. They beat Brady's Patriots just three times from 2001 through 2019, but have already beaten them four times since Brady left.

The Patriots obviously missed an opportunity to develop a quarterback to replace him, just as they screwed up by not finding a way to keep him in New England for the duration of his career.

All of that pain is unlikely to fade anytime soon.

The point is, it's not as bad as it was last year. Time heals all wounds. And if Brady wins another title at 44, a lot of households in New England will be celebrating with him.

At least the Patriots have a future. It might be a murky one, but there's a young quarterback at the helm and the team is trending up.

It's not a bad consola-

tion prize.

NETS

NBA fines Irving \$25K for cursing toward a fan

New York Daily News

NEW YORK -- Nets star Kyrie Irving has been fined \$25,000 for "directing obscene language toward a fan," the league announced on Thursday.

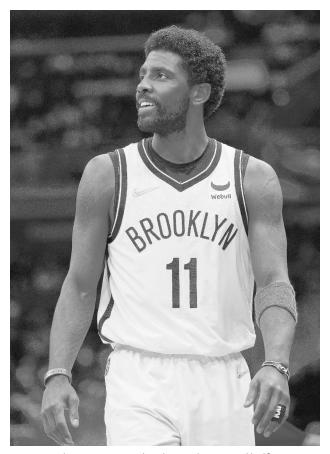
The incident occurred at the 4:19 mark of the second quarter in Irving's return to Cleveland — he is a former Cavaliers star — when a fan recorded an interaction between the Nets' guard and some in the crowd near the court.

Some fans were heckling Irving and Irving suggested those fans should have more reverence for a player who helped deliver Cleveland its only championship in the franchise's 42-year history.

"I got y'all a championship and y'all motherf----- still ungrateful," he responded. Another fan responded:

"Hey, it's just one [championship]," and play continued. The Cavaliers went on to win, 114-107, behind a monster performance from Darius Garland.

Irving's fine follows a trend of players who have been disciplined for using obscene language to address fans, in public or through the media. The NBA has fined Kevin Durant plenty of times for language, like the \$25,000 it levied against him for telling a fan in Atlanta to "shut yo a-- up, motherf----" during the Nets' December matchup against



Nets guard Kyrie Irving smiles during the second half against the Wizards on Wednesday in Washington. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

the Hawks. He was fined another \$15,000 for using "profane language" during a media interview after the Nets' loss to the Portland Trail Blazers on Jan. 10.

The league also fined Knicks star Julius Randle \$25,000 for what they called an "egregious use" of profane language directed at

fans in a postgame interview. Randle made a thumbsdown gesture to fans that booed him at the Garden, then told them to "shut the f--- up."

In five games this season, the Nets' star has averaged 22 points, 5.4 assists and 5 rebounds per game on 50% shooting from the field.

NHL LATE WEDNESDAY

Reaves, Fox score 2 goals each as Rangers beat Maple Leafs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ryan Reaves is used to long scoring droughts during his 12-year career. He came through in a big way to end his latest one.

big way to end his latest one. Reaves scored his first two goals since joining the Rangers in the offseason, Adam Fox had two goals and an assist, and New York scored three times in the third period to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-3 on Wednesday night for its seventh win in nine games.

"I never want to go three months without scoring," said Reaves, who has 51 goals in 719 career games. "I tend to do that a lot in my career. Feels good to get them out of the way, especially in this barn. Hopefully they keep coming."

Chris Kreider got his 25th goal of the season, Ryan Strome had a goal and an assist, and Jacob Trouba and Artemi Panarin each added two assists for New York, which rallied from a

two-goal deficit after the first period.

"We just have that mentality that we're never out of a game," Fox said. "It's just another showing of the type of team we have. We've had other games where we haven't been our best in periods and responded well after that and this was another

game like that."

Igor Shesterkin stopped 35 shots — including 27 over the final two periods after giving up three goals in the first.

Mitch Marner had a goal and an assist, and Ilya Mikheyev and Michael Bunting also scored in the first for the Maple Leafs. Jack Campbell finished with 21 saves. "We've b

"We've had a lot of really good starts," Toronto coach Sheldon Keefe said. "Obviously it's been the finish or the second half of games that haven't gone well. ... Maybe a fast start was working against us. We thought it would be easy the rest of the way. We paid for it."

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Miami	29	16	.644	_
Charlotte	25	20	.556	4
Washington	23		.511	6
Atlanta	19		.432	9 1/2
Orlando	8	38	.174	21 ½
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Milwaukee	28	19	.596	2
Cleveland	27		.587	
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FRIDAY'S GAMES L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia. 7n.m. L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7p.m. Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7p.m.

Miami at Atlanta, 7:30n.m. Portland at Boston, 7:30p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8p.m. Toronto at Washington, 8p.m Brooklyn at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Detroit at Utah, 9p.m. Memphis at Denver, 9p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7p.m. Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 8p.m. Indiana at Phoenix, 9p.m.

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4. Jayson Tatum	Bos	1,580,022
5. Jimmy Butler	Mia	1,384,267
6. Jarrett Allen	Cle	507,074
7. Pascal Siakam	Tor	424,135
8. Bam Adebayo	Mia	417,661
9. Miles Bridges	Char	330,372
10. LaMarcus Aldridge	Brk	318,655

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EAST CONFERENCE BAC	CKCOU	IRT
1. DeMar DeRozan	Chi	4,121,034
2. Trae Young	Atl	2,147,111
3. Zach LaVine	Chi	1,988,452
4. James Harden	Brk	1,962,928
5. LaMelo Ball	Char	958,717
6. Kyrie Irving	Brk	844,398
7. Fred VanVleet	Tor	577,540
8. Derrick Rose	NY	490,655
9. Darius Garland	Cle	343,551
10. Jaylen Brown	Bos	330,409
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WEST CONFERENCE FRO	ONTCO	JURT
1. LeBron James	LAL	6,827,449
2. Nikola Jokic	Den	4,132,522
3. Andrew Wiggins	GS	2,644,571
4. Paul George	LAC	2,312,248
5. Anthony Davis	LAL	2,071,920
6. Draymond Green	GS	1,861,562
7. Carmelo Anthony	LAL	1,449,475
8. Karl-Anthony Towns	Min	1,195,004
9. Rudy Gobert	Utah	583,976
10. Deandre Ayton	Phx	472,402
WEST CONFERENCE BA	CKCO	JRT
1. Stephen Curry	GS	6,019,418
2. Ja Morant	Mem	2,623,359
3. Luka Doncic	Dal	1.923,187

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2. Ja Morant	Mem	2,623,359				
3. Luka Doncic	Dal	1,923,187				
4. Klay Thompson	GS	1,240,781				
5. Devin Booker	Phx	867,222				
6. Russell Westbrook	LAL	855,990				
7. Chris Paul	Phx	758,336				
8. Donovan Mitchell	Utah	612,350				
9. Damian Lillard	Por	458,858				
10. Anthony Edwards	Min	304,343				
Starters and team captains named						
Thursday, Jan. 27. Rese	erves na	amed by				
NBA head coaches Thursday, Feb. 3.						
All-Star Weekend: Feb.	18-20,	Cleveland				

SEASON STOP PERFURNANCES						
PLAYER	DATE	TM OPPE	PT9			
Trae Young	01-03	ATL POR	56			
Kevin Durant	12-12	BRK DET	5			
Joel Embiid	01-19	PHI ORL	5			
Jaylen Brown	01-02	BOS ORL	50			
Stephen Curry	11-08	GSW ATL	50			
Devin Booker	01-17	PHO SAS	48			
Anthony Edwards	11-10	MINI CCM	49			

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SEASON'S TOD DEDECOMANCES

Andre Drumme		PHI	NYK	25
Domantas Sab	onis11-29	IND	MIN	25
Clint Capela	12-31	ATL	CLE	23
Andre Drummo	ond11-22	PHI	SAC	23
Jonas Valanciu	ınas10-25	NOP	MIN	23
ASSISTS	DATE	TM	OPP	Α
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NBA			FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	١ 8	(off)	LA Clippers
at Charlotte	9	(off)	Okla. City
LA Lakers	51/2	(off)	at Orlando
at Atlanta	1	(off)	Miami
at Boston	7	(off)	Portland
at Milwaukee	81/2	(off)	Chicago
at Washington	2	(off)	Toronto
Brooklyn	3	(off)	at San Antonio
at Denver	4	(off)	Memphis
at Utah	141/2	(off)	Detroit
at Golden State	e 11	(229)	Houston

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NHL		F	RIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDO	LINE
at Columbus	Off	Pittsburgh	Off
at Carolina	Off	NY Rangers	s Off
at NY Islanders	Off	Arizona	Off
at Detroit	Off	Dallas	Off
Minnesota	-144	at Chicago	+121
at Anaheim	Off	Tampa Bay	Off
at Seattle	Off	St. Louis	Off
at Vancouver	Off	Florida	Off

NFL PLAYOFF	S		SATURDAY
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Tennessee	31/2	(47)	Cincinnati
at Green Bay	51/2	(471/2)	San Francisco
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at Tampa Bay	3	(481/2)	LA Rams
at Kansas City	11/2	(531/2)	Buffalo
For the latest o	dds,	go to	
FanDuel Sports	bool	k,	
https://sportsh	ook	fandue	el.com/

	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF
Tampa Bay				5	59	141
Florida	39	26	8	5	57	159
Toronto	37	24	10	3	51	126
Boston	36	22	12	2	46	112
Detroit	40	18	17	5	41	108
Buffalo	39	12	20	7	31	101
Ottawa	32	11	19	2	24	90
Montreal	38	8	25	5	21	83
METRO.	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF
N.Y. Rangers	40	26	10	4	56	119
Carolina	36	26	8	2	54	126
Washington	40	22	9	9	53	133
Pittsburgh	38	23	10	5	51	125
Columbus	36	17	18	1	35	116
Philadelphia	39	13	18	8	34	98
New Jersey	38	14	19	5	33	108
N.Y. Islanders				_	32	75

WESTERN C		w			PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	37	26	8	3	55	158	115
St. Louis	39	23	11	5	51	138	108
Nashville	41	24	14	3	51	125	115
Minnesota	35	22	10	3	47	132	109
Winnipeg	35	17	12	6	40	105	103
Dallas	36	18	16	2	38	102	111
Chicago	39	15	18	6	36	95	126
Arizona	38	10	24	4	24	86	141
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	ОΤ	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	40	23	15	2	48	141	122
Los Angeles	40	20	15	5	45	115	109
Anaheim	42	19	16	7	45	120	122
San Jose	40	21	17	2	44	112	121
Calgary	35	18	11	6	42	110	88
Vancouver	39	18	18	3	39	101	111
Edmonton	35	18	15	2	38	117	117
Seattle	38	11	23	4	26	102	138
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point						nt	
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THURSDAY'S RESULTS Columbus at Philadelphia, late Dallas at Buffalo, late Ottawa at Pittsburgh, late Washington at Boston, late Winnipeg at Nashville, late Florida at Edmonton, late Colorado at Los Angeles, late Montreal at Vegas, late San Jose at Seattle, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7p.m. Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m. Dallas at Detroit, 7:30p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30p.m. Florida at Vancouver, 10p.m. St. Louis at Seattle, 10p.m. Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Arizona 4, New Jersey 1 N.Y. Rangers 6, Toronto 3 Colorado 2, Anaheim 0

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DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF ROUND SATURDAY'S GAMES

No. 4 Cincinnati (11-7) at No. 1Tennessee (12-5), 4:30p.m. No. 6 San Francisco (11-7) at No. 1 Green Bay (13-4), 8:15p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES No. 4 L.A. Rams (13-5) at

No. 2Tampa Bay (14-4), 3p.m. No. 3Buffalo (12-6) at No. 2 Kansas City (13-5), 6:30p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 30 AFC Championship Game, 3:10p.m. NFC Championship Game, 6:40p.m.

SUPER BOWL LVI Feb. 13 aSoFi Stadium

Inglewood, Calif., 6:30p.m. WILD CARD ROUND SATURDAY, JAN. 15 No. 4Cincinnati 26, No. 5Las Vegas 19

No. 3Buffalo 47, No. 6 New England 17 SUNDAY, JAN. 16 No. 2Tampa Bay 31, No. 7 Phila. 15 No. 6 San Francisco 23, No. 3 Dallas 17 No. 2 Kansas City 42, No. 7 Pittsburgh 21 MONDAY, JAN, 17 No. 4 L.A. Rams 34, No. 5 Arizona 11

AFC	YPG	PASS	RUN	PPG
Cincinnati	361.5	259.0	102.5	27.
Playoffs	308.0	225.0	83.0	26.0
Tennessee	342.5	201.1	141.4	24.6
Buffalo	381.9	252.0	129.9	28.4
Playoffs	482.0	308.0	174.0	47.0
Kanssa City	396.8	281.8	115.0	28.2
Playoffs	478.0	372.0	106.0	42.0
NFC	YPG	PASS	RUN	PPG
L.A. Rams	372.1	273.1	99.0	27.1
Playoffs	375.0	235.0	140.0	34.0
Tampa Bay	405.9	307.6	98.4	30.1
Playoffs	349.0	243.0	106.0	31.0
San Francisco	375.7	248.3	127.4	25.1
Playoffs	341.0	172.0	169.0	23.0
Green Bay	365.6	253.8	111.8	26.5

TEAM DEFE	NSE ST	TATS		
AFC	YPG	PASS	RUN	PPG
Cincinnati	350.8	248.4	102.5	22.1
Playoffs	385.0	282.0	103.	19.0
Tennessee	329.8	245.2	84.6	20.8
Buffalo	272.8	163.0	109.8	17.0
Playoffs	305.0	216.0	89.0	17.,0
Kansas City	368.9	251.4	117.6	21.4
Playoffs	257.0	201.0	56.0	21.0
NFC	YPG	PASS	RUN	PPG
L.A. Rams	344.9	241.7	103.2	219
Playoffs	183.0	122.0	61.0	11.0
Tampa Bay	331.5	238.9	92.5	20.8
Playoffs	339.0	244.0	95.0	15.0
San Francisco	310.0	206.5	103.5	21.5
Playoffs	307.0	230.0	77.0	17.0
Green Bay		219.1	109.1	21.8

through wild card weekend 2022 NFL DRAFT ORDER Draft: April 28-30 at Allegiant Stadiur
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1	Jacksonville Jaguars	3-14	.512
2	Detroit Lions	3-13-1	.528
3	Houston Texans	4-13	.498
4	N.Y. Jets	4-13	.512
5	N.Y. Giants	4-13	.536
6	Carolina Panthers	5-12	.509
7	Chicago (to NYG)	6-11	.524
8	Atlanta Falcons	7–10	.472
9	Denver Broncos	7–10	.484
10	Seattle (to NYJ)	7–10	.519
11	Washington FB	7–10	.529
12	Minnesota Vikings	8-9	.507
13	Cleveland Browns	8-9	.514
14	Baltimore Ravens	8-9	.531
15	Miami (to Phi.)	9–8	.464
16	Indpls (to Phi.)	9–8	.495
17	L.A. Chargers	9–8	.510
18	New Orleans Saints	9–8	.512
19	Philadelphia Eagles	9–8	.469
20	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-7-1	.521
21	New England	10-7	.481
22	Las Vegas Raiders	10-7	.510
23	Dallas Cowboys	12-5	.488
24		11-6	.490
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	Cincinnati Bengals	10-7	.472
	San Fran (to Mia.)	10-7	.500
	Buffalo Bills	11–6	.472
	L.A. Rams (to Det.)	12–5	.483
	Kansas City Chiefs	12-5	.538
	Tennessee Titans	12-5	.472
	Tampa Bay Bucs	13-4	.467
	Green Bay Packers	13-4	.479

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE FRIDAY'S MATDCH Watford vs. Norwich, 3p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Everton vs. Aston Villa, 7:30a.m. Brentford vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Man United vs. West Ham, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY MATCHES Arsenal vs. Burnley, 9a.m. Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool, 9a.m. Leicester vs. Brighton, 9a.m. Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

TENNIS

110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN Thursday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, outdoors-h MEN'S SECOND-ROUND SINGLES

#2 Daniil Medvedev d. Nick Kyrgios, 7-6(1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. #4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Sebastian Baez, 7-6(1), 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4. #5 Andrey Rublev d. Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

#9 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 7-6(5), 7-6(4). #11 Jannik Sinner d. Steve Johnson, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. Christopher O'Connell d. #13 Diego

Schwartzman, 7-6(6), 6-4, 6-4. #15 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3. #20 Taylor Fritz d. Frances Tiafoe, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(5). #24 Daniel Evans d.

Arthur Rinderknech, walkover. Benoit Paire d. #26 Grigor Dimitrov, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7(4), 7-6(2). #27 Marin Cilic d. Norbert Gombos, 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(6). #32 Alex de Minaur d. Kamil Majchrzak, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Maxime Cressy d. Tomas Machac,

Pablo Andujar d. Alex Molcan, 6-4, 7-6(6), 0-6, 6-1. Botic van de Zandschulp d. Richard Gasquet, 4-6, 6-0, 4-0, ret. Taro Daniel d. Andy Murray, EARLY FRIDAY THIRD ROUND #16 Cristian Garin vs. #17Gael Monfils, late

6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6(5).

#25 Lorenzo Sonego vs Miomir Kecmanovic, late WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND #2 Aryna Sabalenka d. Xinyu Wang,

Alize Cornet d. #3 Garbine Muguruza, Clara Tauson d. #6 Anett Kontaveit, 6-2, 6-4, #7 Iga Swiatek d. Rebecca Peterson

#10 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, d. Samantha Stosur, 6-2, 6-2. Zhang Shuai d. #12 Elena Rybakina,

6-4, 1-0, ret. #14 Simona Halep d. Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-2, 6-0. Danka Kovinic d. #17 Emma Raducanu, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. #19 Elise Mertens d.

Irina-Camelia Begu, 6-3, 6-2. #25 Daria Kasatkina d. Magda Linette, #27 Danielle Collins d. Ana Konjuh, 6-4, 6-3. #29 Tamara Zidansek d.

Heather Watson, 7-6(4), 6-4. #31 Marketa Vondrousova d. Liudmila Samsonova, 6-2, 7-5. Sorana Cirstea d. Kristina Kucova, 6-2, 6-4. Maddison Inglis d. Hailey Baptiste, 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-2. Kaia Kanepi d. Marie Bouzkova,

EARLY FRIDAY THIRD ROUND #4 Barbora Krejcikova vs. #26 Jelena Ostapenko, late #5 Maria Sakkari vs. #28 Veronika Kudermetova, late #8 Paula Badosa vs.

Marta Kostyuk, late #24 Vicotiria Azarenka d. #15 Elina Svitolina, 6-0, 6-2. #21 Jessica Pegula vs. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, late Madison Keys vs. Qiang Wang, late

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Gonzaga (14-2) vs. San Francisco. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday, No. 2 Auburn (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday. No. 3 Arizona (14-1) at Stanford. Next: at California, Sunday.

No. 4 Purdue (15-2) at Indiana. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday No. 5 Baylor (16-2) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday. No. 6 Duke (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
No. 7 Kansas (15-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday No. 8 Wisconsin (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan State, Friday. No. 9 UCLA (11-2) at Utah. Next: at No. 10 Houston (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday No. 11 Villanova (13-5) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Saturday.
No. 12 Kentucky (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Auburn, Saturday. No. 13 LSU (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Tennessee, Saturday No. 14 Michigan State (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Wisconsin, Friday. No. 15 Iowa State (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
No. 16 Southern Cal (14-2) at Colorado. Next: at Utah, Saturday No. 17 Illinois (13-4) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Friday. No. 18 Texas Tech (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday. No. 19 Ohio State (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday. No. 20 Xavier (14-3) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday

No. 21 Providence (15-2) beat Georgetown 83-75. Next: vs. Butler, Sunday. No. 22 Loyola Chicago (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri State, Saturday.
No. 23 Texas (13-5) did not play. Next:

No. 24 Tennessee (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 LSU, Saturday. No. 25 UConn (12-4) did not play. Next: THURSDAY'S SCCORES

EAST Baruch 71, Lehman 67 Providence 83, Georgetown 75 Florida St. 86. North Florida 73

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 South Carolina (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Monday.
No. 2 Stanford (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. California, Frida No. 3 Louisville (15-1) at No. 4 NC State. Next: vs. Wake FOr4est, Sunday. No. 4 NC State (16-2) vs. No. 3 Louisville Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday. No. 5 Tennessee (17-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Georgia, Sunday. No. 6 Indiana (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday, Jan. 27. No. 7 Iowa State (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Baylor, Sunday. No. 8 Michigan (15-2) vs. Wisconsin. Next: vs. Purdue, Monday. No. 9 UConn (9-4) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Friday. No. 10 Arizona (12-2) did not play. Next: No. 11 LSU (17-2) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday. No. 12 Maryland (12-6) beat Ohio State 95-89. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday

No. 13 Georgia (14-3) at Mississippi State. Next: vs. No. 5 Tennessee, No. 14 Oklahoma (16-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Sunday.
No. 15 Texas (13-3) did not play. Next: No. 15 Baylor (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Iowa State, Sunday vs. No. 1 IOWA STATE, SUNDAY. No. 17 BYU (14-1) at Pepperdine, ppd. Next: at San Diego, Saturday. No. 18 Georgia Tech (14-4) beat Syracuse 65-55. Next: at No. 20 North Carolina Sunday Carolina, Sunday.
No. 19 Notre Dame (13-4) lost to Boston College 73-71. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday. No. 20 North Carolina (15-2) beat Virginia 61-52. Next: at No. 18 Georgia No. 21 Duke (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
No. 22 Colorado (13-2) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Friday. No. 23 Kentucky (8-5) vs. Florida. Next:

vs. Mississippi, Sunday. No. 24 Florida Gulf Coast (16-1) did

not play. Next: at Jacksonville State, Saturday.

Penn State, Tuesday

Saturday. **No. 25 Iowa (10-4) did not play. Next:** at

PGA: THE AMERICAN EXPRESS 7.158 vards: Par 72. b-PGA WEST Nicklaus Tournament Course, 7,147 yards; Par 72, c-La Quinta CC, 7,060 yards;

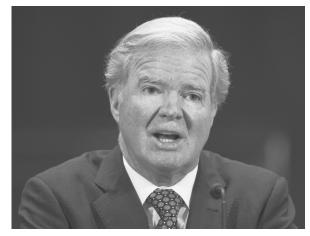
Par 72 Patrick Cantlay Lee Hodges 29c-33c-62 -10 29c-33c-62 Kyoung-Hoon Lee Cameron Young Joseph Bramlett 32a-32a-64 33c-31c-64 35a-30a-65 33c-32c-65 Wyndham Clark Tom Hoge 34h-31h-65 33b-32b-65 Danny Lee Seamus Power 33b-32b-65 Sam Ryder 32a-33a-65 Greyson Sigg 32b-33b-65 **Brandt Snedeker** 32c-33c-65 7666666666665555555555555555554444 Paul Barjon Christiaan Bezuidenho 32c-34c-66 **Bronson Burgoon** 34b-32b-66 Lucas Glovei 30c-36c-66 Harry Higgs 34c-32c-66 Graeme McDowell 33c-33c-66 Taylor Moore 31c-35c-66 34c-32c-66 Jon Rahm **Davis Riley** 32c-34c-66 Roger Sloan Martin Trainer 34a-32a-66 33a-33a-66 Abraham Ancer 35b-32b-67 Kevin Chappell Jason Day 34c-33c-67 **Brett Drewitt** 33b-34b-67 Doug Ghim Lanto Griffin 32b-35b-67 Brian Harman 32b-35b-67 Russell Henley 34b-33b-67 Zach Johnson 33a-34a-67 Patton Kizzire David Lipsky Denny McCarthy 33h-34h-67 32c-35c-67 Francesco Molinari Aaron Rai Alex Smalley 32c-35c-67 31c-36c-67 Senn Straka 36a-31a-67 Wesley Bryan Brice Garnett 35a-33a-68 34b-34b-68 Michael Gligic 34b-34b-68 Adam Hadwin 31c-37c-68 Nick Hardy 32a-36a-68 35c-33c-68 Si Woo Kim Hank Lebioda Adam Long 32b-36b-68 Seung-Yul Noh 34a - 34a - 6833h-35h-68 C.T. Pan Justin Rose 35b-33b-68 Harold Varner III 33c-35c-68 Jonathan Byrd Tyler Duncan 33c-36c-69 34a-35a-69 Charles Howell III 33a-36a-69 Sungjae Im Anirban Lahiri 33h-36h-69 Matthew NeSmith 36a-33a-69 Henrik Norlande 34a-35a-69 Andrew Novak 35a-34a-69 Pat Perez 34c-35c-69 J.T. Poston 34h-35h-69 Scottie Scheffler Stephen Stallings Jr. 33b-36b-69 Brendan Steele Chris Stroud 34b-35b-69 **Brian Stuard** 34b-35b-69 Adam Svensson 34c-35c-69 Callum Tarren Nick Taylor 35b-34b-69 Curtis Thompson 34b-35b-69 Camilo Villegas 36b-33b-69 Dvlan Wu 34b-35b-69 Hayden Buckley 35h-35h-70 Luke Donald 37b-33b-70 Jason Dufner 33a-37a-70 Chesson Hadley Brandon Hagy 35a-35a-70 34a-36a-70 James Hahn 34a-36a-70 Chan Kim 34c - 36c - 70Russell Knox 35c-35c-70 Ben Kohles 34c-36c-70 Luke List 36b-34b-70 Ryan Moore 37b-33b-70 Trev Mullinax 35c-35c-70 Alex Noren John Pak 34c - 36c - 7036c-34c-70 Scott Piercy 36c-34c-70 Andrew Putnam Patrick Rodgers 35h-35h-70 35a-35a-70 35a - 35a - 70Robert Streb 37c-33c-70 **Hudson Swafford Kevin Tway** Vincent Whaley 35c-35c-70 Jared Wolfe 32a-38a-70 35a-35a-70 Brandon Wu Emiliano Grillo 36b-35b-71 35h-36h-71 Scott Gutschewski Sung Kang Chris Kirk 35b-36b-71 Kelly Kraft 36a-35a-71 Peter Malnati Taylor Pendrith 37h-34h-71 Doc Redman 35b-36b-71 Patrick Reed 36c-35c-71 David Skinns 37a-34a-71 Brendon Todd Peter Uihlein 34a-37a-71 38a-33a-71 Mark Wilson 34c-37c-71 Will Zalatoris 35c-36c-71 Tony Finau Kramer Hickok 36a-36a-72 John Huh Chez Reavie 37b-35b-72 35c-37c-72 37h-35h-72 Adam Schenk Sahith Theegala Jhonattan Vegas 36c-36c-72 Nick Watney 35c-37c-72 39a-33a-72 36c-37c-73 Gary Woodland Cameron Champ Rickie Fowler 37c-36c-73 Dylan Frittelli 36b-37b-73 Bill Haas Andrew Landry 37a - 36a - 73Kyle Mendoza Troy Merritt 35a-38a-73 37a-36a-73 Rory Sabbatini 35c-38c-73 Kevin Streelman 36c-37c-73 Jimmy Walker

HILTON GRAND VACATIONS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

1st of 4 rounds, Lake Nona Golf &						
CC,Orlando, Fla., 6,617 yards; Par: 72						
Gaby Lopez	33-34-67	-5				
Danielle Kang	33-35-68	-4				
Nelly Korda	35 - 33 - 68	-4				
Ryann O'Toole	34-34-68	-4				
Yuka Saso	35 - 33 - 68	-4				
Pajaree Anannarukarn	35-34-69	-3				
Brooke Henderson	35-34-69	-3				
Jessica Korda	34 - 35 - 69	-3				
Celine Boutier	33 - 37 - 70	-2				
Georgia Hall	34 - 36 - 70	-2				
Stacy Lewis	37-33-70	-2				
Madelene Sagstrom	34-36-70	-2				
Patty Tavatanakit	35 - 35 - 70	-2				
Ally Ewing	35 - 36 - 71	-1				
Nasa Hataoka	34 - 37 - 71	-1				
Lydia Ko	38 - 33 - 71	-1				
Inbee Park	35 - 36 - 71	-1				
Michelle Wie West	37-34-71	-1				
Sophia Popov	35-37-72	Ε				
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President Mark Emmert, shown testifying during a Senate subcommittee hearing on Feb. 11, 2020, called the NCAA's new constitution a "declaration of independence." AP FILE

COLLEGE

Power shift in the NCAA

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS -NCAA member schools voted to ratify a new, pared-down constitution Thursday, paving the way for a decentralized approach to governing college sports that will hand more power to schools and conferences.

The vote was overwhelmingly in favor, 801-195.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said in his state of college sports address the new constitution was more of a "declaration of independence" that will allow each of the association's three divisions to govern itself.

The new constitution is $18 \frac{1}{2}$ pages, down from 43, and mostly lays out guiding principles and core values for the NCAA, the largest governing body for college sports in the United States with more than 1,200 member schools and some 460,000 athletes.

The move is just part of a sea change for the NCAA and the first major shift in its governance model since 1996. It comes with the hope that it will reduce college sports' exposure to legal challenges after a resounding rebuke from the Supreme Court last spring.

For Division II and III, where there are no athletic scholarships, there will be little if any change, though most of the dissenting voices during the NCAA's open forum that preceded the full membership vote came from those ranks.

""Why are we still trying to stick together," Betsv Mitchell, athletic director at CalTech.

In Division I, the goal is a potentially massive overhaul that figures to be more challenging and contentious. Athlete compensation figures to be a key topic. Notably, the new constitution states: "Student-athletes may not be compensated by a member institution for participating in a sport, but may receive educational and other benefits in accordance with guidelines established by their NCAA division.

Co-chaired by Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey and Ohio University athletic director Julie Cromer, the Division I Transformation Committee begins its work in earnest next week. The 21-person panel, comprised mostly of athletic administrators and university presidents, does not have representation from all 32 Division I conferences.

The committee has been charged with a monumental task. Division I has 350 schools, with a wide range of athletic missions and goals. Schools like Texas A&M and Texas have budgets of more than \$200 million but D-I also has small, private schools that spend less than \$10 million a year on sports. What tethers those schools is competition, such as the March Madness basketball tournaments.

The questions before the transformation committee range include the requirements for Division I membership; who has a say in making rules across the division; what schools and conferences get automatic access to championship events; how revenue is shared; and what limits, if any, should be placed on financial benefits to athletes?

"A model that treats student-athletes as employees is not one we want," Patriot League Commissioner Jen Heppel

IN BRIEF

Union offer coming in MLB lockout talks

News services

Locked out baseball players plan to make a counteroffer to management on Monday, 11 days after clubs gave the union a proposal when the snail-paced negotiations resumed following a 42-day break. The players' association

asked Major League Baseball on Thursday to schedule the negotiating session.

There is dwindling time to reach an agreement in time for spring training to start on Feb. 16. The scheduled March 31 opening day is increasingly threatened, given the need for players to report, go through COVID-19 protocols and have at least three weeks of workouts that include a minimal number of exhibition games.

Players don't receive paychecks until the regular season, and owners get only a small percentage of their revenue during the offseason. Those factors create negotiations that are a game of chicken until mid- to late February, when significant economic losses become more imminent. When owners made their new proposal on Jan. 13, players reacted coolly and said they would contact MLB when they were ready to respond. ■ Robot umpires have

been given a promotion. MLB is expanding its automated strike zone experiment to Triple-A, the highest level of the minor leagues.

Golf: Patrick Cantlay shot a 10-under 62 Thursday at La Quinta Country Club for a share of the firstround lead with rookie Lee Hodges in The American Express. Olympics: The U.S. Olym-

pic team's top doctor says all of the 200-plus athletes heading to Beijing for the Winter Games next month are fully vaccinated, and not a single one asked for a medical exemption. Chief Medical Officer Jonathan Finnoff told The Associated Press the 21-day quarantine period the IOC is requiring for unvaccinated participants, combined with the education the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee provided, 'really resonated with the athletes."



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What's this all mean for the Huskies? For now, the present is only thing they can afford to focus on, getting better each day with the people they have, until they can reload and try to become the team so many thought they could be. Task No. 1 is to take care of business Friday versus Seton Hall (8-7, 3-4 Big East) at Gampel Pavilion.

For a program with championship standards every year, the Huskies' recent bout of adversity, and losses, has been especially tough to deal with.

"I think personally, it's just as physically as emotionally challenging," said graduate student Dorka Juhász.

But dwelling too much on past mistakes or future possibilities — like what do UConn's issues mean come March – isn't helpful either. Juhász, senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa and head coach Geno Auriemma expressed that Thursday.

"Sometimes it's good to look at both. After these losses, thinking about how much we can grow from this, as an opportunity to actually learn about our flaws that could come out in March, when it's the most important," Juhász said "But also, we just have to play so many games, we've just got to stay in the present.

"It's very early to think about, 'What's it going to be [like] in March, what seed are we going to be.' Right now, it's not important. What's important is how we can stand up from this loss, play a game [Friday], be our best version, and just keep improving and work on that team chemistry now that we have so many different lineups."

Auriemma has built his program to operate that way regardless of the expectations, the focal point day to day is to get better.

"Now with all this that's happened, it's even more so 'we need to get a lot better today." he said. "We need to get better. We need to play well Friday night. We don't have the luxury of thinking 'Hey, we'll be all right when these guys get back' or 'Hey, let's get

Injuries

the Huskies have between

40-45 points sitting on the

we're getting closer to

having everybody back," he

arriving on campus in 2018,

starting every game aside

from 2020 Senior Day and

missing just one game in

her career prior to Monday.

The senior guard had been

playing some of her best

basketball of the season

leading into the Oregon

"It's definitely diffi-

cult," fellow senior Olivia

Nelson-Ododa said about

missing Williams. "She's a

key part of our team. She's

a very consistent player in

terms of just playing in the

games. I think we take it for

granted that she's usually

running and getting in some

there all the time."

"Each day that goes by,

Williams has been a stalwart in the rotation since

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bench.

ready for March.' We don't think like that. We just think about 'how do we get better and how do win on Friday

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

Site: Gampel Pavilion Time: 7 p.m. Series: UConn leads, 54-10 Last meeting: No. 2 UConn 74, Seton Hall 49, Dec. 3, 2021, in South Orange,

TV: SNY (Meghan Culmo, Allen Bestwick, Maria Marino) Stream: In-market SNY viewers with access to the network can watch via the NBC Sports app: http://stream. nbcsports.com/rsn/sny.Out-ofmarket viewers can watch on the Fox Sports App or at https://www. foxsports.com/ as well as on the FOX Now app or at www.fox.com/sports. The games might not appear on those sites until right around tipoff. Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Seton Hall probable starters, sixth man:

Lauren Park-Lane, G, 5-6, Jr.; Mya Jackson, G. 5-7, Jr.: Andra Espinoza-Hunter, G/F, 5-11, Gr.; Sidney Cooks, F, 6-4, R-Sr.; Mya Bembry, F, 6-1, Jr.; Katie Armstrong, G/F, 6-2, Gr.

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.

The matchup

stepped up the most in Bueckers' absence, averaging 16.7 points in the last seven games. Nelson-Ododa has also been a steadying force, putting up double figures each of the last three

games, including 17 versus Oregon. UConn is averaging 68.7 points per game without Bueckers.

UConn's defense: The Huskies' strong suit this season, although they struggled against Oregon as the game went on Monday. In December, the Huskies limited Seton Hall to 27.6% shooting from the field and just 5-31

Seton Hall's offense: The Pirates average 68.8 points per game on 40.7% shooting including 32.7% on 3s. Park-Lane leads the team with 18.1 points per game, while Espinoza-Hunter is behind her with 16.7. Espinoza-Hunter, who started her career at UConn before transferring to Mississippi State and then Seton Hall, missed the first meeting this season between the teams due to a suspension.

Seton Hall's defense: The Pirates' defense allows more points (70.5 per game) than their offense scores. Seton Hall opponents shoot 43.1% from the field, including 28.6% on 3s. Cooks is the team's top rebounder (7.7 per game), but UConn should have an edge on the glass.

UConn keys: Don't let Park-Lane get going, contain Pirates at the 3-point line. Take advantage of size in lane. Get going in transition. Limit turnovers and other self-inflicted wounds

Players to watch: Auriemma bemoaned his team's poor guard play Monday at Oregon. How will that shorthanded unit, specifically Westbrook and Mühl, fare Friday? About Seton Hall's coach: In his ninth season in South Orange. Anthony Bozzella has led The Hall to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2015 and 2016. Last season, amid much COVID-19disruption, the Pirates were one of the first teams out from making the NCAA Tournament and ultimately declined a

Seton Hall's mascot: The Pirate Famous alumni: Basketball broadcaster Dick Vitale, CNN cofounder Robert J. Wussler, actress/ singer Naturi Naughton

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Croswell, Horchler lead No. 21 Providence over archrival Georgetown

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Ed Croswell scored 15 points and Noah Horchler had 14 with seven rebounds to lead No. 21 Providence past Georgetown 83-75 on Thursday.

Al Durham had 15 points and Nate Watson 10 for the Friars (15-2, 5-1 Big East), who won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Donald Carey led Georgetown (6-9, 0-4) with 21 points and seven rebounds. Kaiden Rice finished with 19 points for the Hoyas, who have lost four straight.

Croswell hit all seven of his shots from the floor and went 1 of 2 from the free-throw line. Trailing by 16 points

midway into the second half, Georgetown made a late

charge, slicing it to 64-60. But Horchler hit two 3-pointers and Minava one to

help the Friars hang on. The Hoyas had recovered from a miserable start and trailed 37-34 at halftime after Tyler Beard's 3 at the buzzer.

PC opened the second half like the beginning of the game, breaking with an 11-2 spree.

Playing for the first time in 12 days due after three straight postponements due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases in the program, the Friars scored the first 13 points of the game when the Hovas started 0 for 10 from the floor with four turnovers.

Prospects

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Diggins haven't gotten much playing time.

Clingan knows how much work it will take to make an impact his freshman year, especially for a defenseminded coach like UConn's Dan Hurley.

"I need to be quicker on my feet and be able to guard the pick and roll," Clingan said.

He also has skills he knows will be useful the second he steps foot on a college court. "I feel like I'm a very good

passer out of the post, finding the open man," Clingan said. "I feel like passing is definitely the biggest thing." The HoopHall Classic

included 16 of the teams listed in the most recent ESPN High School Boys' Basketball Top 25. Over the years, these programs around the United States have produced countless Division I commits and NBA players. The showcase also featured an impressive amount of top 25 players in the classes of 2022 and 2023.

Here's a look at what some of the best high school basketball coaches around the nation have to say about the transition from high school to Division I.

Is there a consistent trait you have seen out of guys who succeeded in Division I basketball? Steve Smith. No. 12 Oak Hill

(Mouth of Wilson, Va.): "The first thing you got to have is a body that can play at that level, something that has some physical ability. You have got to be physically talented. I always tell my guys if you want to play at the next level, you have to do two of three things: You got to be a good shooter, rebounder or defender. You got to do two of the three. You don't have to do them all, but if you can do them all, you are an exceptional player, and if you can do two of them, you have the chance to be a high Division I player as long as you got the physical tools.

Patrick Holmes, No. 6 La Lumiere (La Porte, Ind.): "Yeah, they're competitors. They're go-getters. We don't have to jump them every single day of practice, they bring it every single time they lace them up and step foot on the court. You know that they're going to give it their all."

Kevin Boyle, No. 3 Montverde Academy (Fla.): "I think the biggest thing with our guys is we try to run it like a college program. It's centered around culture, work ethic, details and responsibility. We

often give them a grade if they want to be an international or NBA player. Here's where you stand today. You may be this as a high school shooter or a big guy making an occasional 3, but nobody's looking for you to take a shot in college right now because you shoot 30%."

What's the biggest difference between the high school and college game?

Smith: "Probably the intensity. The NIBC, our league, is the best league you could possibly play in high school. We play the best teams in the country. I tell my guys when you visit a college and go sit and watch a game how hard those teams play. You got to play all out all the time. I think the intensity of the game and how hard these guys play."

Holmes: "Decision-making has got to be great. Execution has got to be great. Attention to detail has got to be great because these guys get away with mistakes because they are more physically gifted or more talented. At the next level, everyone is the same or better. If you don't work on or focus on the smallest details, and you don't want to prepare every single day as hard as you can, you aren't going to have success in college."

Boyle: "It's learning how hard you have to try to compete at that level. A lot of kids haven't been schooled defensively the fundamentals. They're really behind guys who've been in the program for two or three years in college."

What do you think makes a good high school player a successful college player?

Smith: "Kind of the things I mentioned. I also tell all the guvs, if you can do one thing well, be a shooter. Coaches will play shooters. I'm playing guys who can shoot and can't do anything else. He might hurt us on defense, but if they can score the ball, that's what the game is."

Holmes: "Maturity and just being able to receive coaching and feedback, wanting to get better. You got to be more physically mature, more emotionally mature, mentally mature and just how you approach everything."

Boyle: "Most of the kids don't know how to play really hard. Guys who learn how hard you have to play, learn how detailed you have to be, especially learn how to play with others survive. I think there are 30 isolation players to 410 to 430 role players in the NBA. It's important that guys understand how to play different roles."

UConn probable starters, sixth man:

UConn's offense: Ducharme has



UConn guard Christyn Williams (13), shown in action against Butler on Jan. 12, will miss tonight's game against Seton Hall. AJ MAST/AP

individual work.

"This week Azzi has been able to get some really, really good rehab going and has been able to get some individual work done on the court for about half an hour since we got back [from Oregon], two or three

times." Auriemma said. "The plan is to keep adding more time and then keep evaluating and seeing how it feels and go from there, and see if we can get her on the court for actual practice at some point."

While UConn will

guards (Evina Westbrook, Caroline Ducharme and Nika Mühl) until either Williams or Fudd returns, that won't mean Mühl will be playing 40 minutes like she did against Oregon. Mühl is four games back from a foot injury and had been playing on a minutes restriction since her return. Auriemma said he'll need to be more careful about her minutes going forward to avoid exacerbating the issue, even though that means he'll only be able to put two guards on the court at times.

be stuck with just three

"That's too many minutes. ... Nika won't play 40 minutes, I guarantee you that," Auriemma said. "It's not good for her, it's not good for our team, mostly her. It's not good for her now, next week, next month, long term. ... It's just not fair. I need to take care of that. That's on me."

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Fudd recently started

NCAA adopts new policy for transgender athletes

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - The NCAA has adopted a sport-by-sport approach for transgender athletes, bringing the organization in line with the U.S. and International Olympic Committees.

Under the new guidelines, approved by the NCAA Board of Governors on Wednesday, transgender participation for each sport will be determined by the policy for the sport's national governing body, subject to review and recommendation by an NCAA committee to the Board of Governors.

When there is no national governing body, that sport's international federation policy would be in place. If there is no international federation policy, previously established IOC policy criteria would take over.

"Approximately 80% of U.S. Olympians are either current or former college athletes," NCAA President Mark Emmert said in a release. "This policy alignment provides consistency and further strengthens the relationship between college sports and the U.S. Olympics."

The NCAA policy is effective immediately, beginning with the 2022 winter championships.

NCAA rules on transgender athletes returned to the forefront when Penn swimmer Lia Thomas started smashing records this year. She was on the men's team her first three years, but she is competing for the women this

season after transitioning.

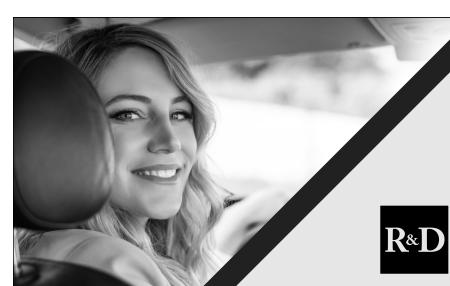
The Board of Governors is suggesting NCAA divisions allow for additional eligibility if a transgender student-athlete loses eligibility based on the policy change. That flexibility is provided they meet the NCAA's new guidelines.

"We are steadfast in our support of transgender student-athletes and the fostering of fairness across college sports," Georgetown President John DeGioia said in a release. "It is important that NCAA member schools, conferences and college athletes compete in an inclusive, fair, safe and respectful environment and can move forward with a clear understanding of the new policy."

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Judges explain Djokovic decision



Three Australian Federal Court judges on Thursday revealed their reasons for backing a government order to deport tennis star Novak Djokovic, explaining they did not consider the "merits or wisdom of the decision." The judges on Sunday unanimously endorsed Immigration Minister Alex Hawke's decision

to deport the 34-year-old Serb following an urgent court challenge on the eve of what was to be Djokovic's first match in defense of his Australian Open title. Djokovic accepted the verdict. Chief Justice James Allsop and Justices James Besanko and David O'Callaghan on Thursday released a 27-page explanation. "The court does not consider the merits or wisdom of the decision," the judges said. "The task of the court is to rule upon the lawfulness or legality of the decision. Another person in the position of the minister may have not canceled Mr. Djokovic's visa. The minister did." Djokovic was a "high profile unvaccinated individual" whose presence in Melbourne "may foster anti-vaccination sentiment" and increase pressure on the health system, Hawke said in his 10-page decision.

Chiefs LB charged after argument



Chiefs linebacker Willie Gay was charged with misdemeanor criminal damage to property after he broke a vacuum and other items during an argument, putting his status for Sunday's divisional round playoff game against the Bills in question. Police in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park,

Kansas, said the 23-year-old Gay was arrested Wednesday night and was due to appear in court on Thursday. The Kansas City Star reported the total of damaged property amounted to \$225. No drugs, alcohol or weapons were involved and no one was injured, police said. Gay's agents, Maxx Lepsettler and Ryan Rubin, said in a statement that Gay was visiting his son when he got into an argument with the child's mother, who called the police. The agents said that Gay would likely pay a fine and replace the vacuum and "all should be resolved today with no further issues." Gay was not at practice Wednesday and those available to speak with reporters deferred all questions about his status for the playoff game to Chiefs coach Andy Reid, who does not speak to the media again until Friday.

Capacity held to 12K for Cup qualifier

The crowd for Canada's World Cup qualifier against the United States on Jan. 30 will be limited to 12,000 at Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton, Ontario, half of capacity. The Canadian Soccer Association said Thursday it will

cancel the tickets issued when the game sold out last month and it will hold a new sale at the reduced figure. The sale will open Tuesday to previous ticket buyers, and a general sale would take place the following day if tickets are available. Fans attending the match will be asked for proof of vaccination, and masks are required except while eating or drinking. Seeking its first World Cup berth since 1986, Canada leads the eight-nation final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region with 16 points, followed by the U.S. (15), and Mexico and Canada (14 each). The top three nations qualify for this year's tournament in Qatar, and fourth place advances to a playoff against the Oceania champion, likely New Zealand. Canada plays at Honduras on Jan. 27 and at El Salvador on Feb. 2.

– Associated Press



Daniil Medvedev reacts during his match against Nick Kyrgios during the Australian Open on Thursday. WILLIAM WEST/AFP

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Keeping his composure

Medvedev withstands Kyrgios, crowd to advance

By John Pye **Associated Press**

MELBOURNE, Australia - Daniil Medvedev faced a hostile crowd and a full array of Nick Kyrgios' outbursts and tricks, and still remained calm for long enough to reach the third round at the Australian Open.

The 115th-ranked Kyrgios worked up the crowd, hit 'tweeners and drop shots, mixed up the pace of his groundstrokes and tossed in an under-arm serve in a bid to ruffle the secondranked Russian.

Medvedev kept his composure, taking a quick trip to the locker room after losing the third set and recovering to win 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 Thursday on a rowdy Rod Laver Arena.

In an on-court TV interview with former champion Jim Courier, Medvedev was asked how he managed to stay so composed.

"That's the only choice when you get booed between first and second serve," he said, triggering some more boos.

Kyrgios usually likes to play on John Cain Arena, known locally as the People's Court because fans with ground passes can get in and the singing and chanting can get wild.

He managed to turn the all-ticketed stadium court into something more akin to a soccer stadium.

In the seventh game of the third set, Kyrgios got two break-point chances when he bunted away a backhand from Medvedev directed at his body and then took off on a circular run

behind the baseline to celebrate like he'd scored a goal.

When he converted the break, he danced in the change-over and worked up the crowd. Medvedev lowered the volume with two service breaks in the fourth set to beat the talented but erratic Kyrgios for the first time in three attempts. He served 31 aces to 17 for the Aussie, and converted four of his 11 break-point chances while saving seven of nine on his own serve.

Told later he may have misheard boos, and that Kyrgios' supporters were mimicking the "siiiuuu" sound soccer fans yell when Cristiano Ronaldo scores, Medvedev said still "it's not easy to play against the crowd."

"But they stay as fun matches afterwards because in the end, yeah, we gave the crowd a big show," he said. 'Probably Nick more, because, well, he's a big entertainer. I think it was a great match to watch."

Azarenka overpowers Svitolina, 6-0, 6-2

Two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka is into the fourth round for the first time since 2016 after overpowering 15th-seeded Elina Svitolina.

Azarenka accumulated nearly twice as many winners, 17, as unforced errors, nine, and never faced a break point. Svitolina had 26 unforced errors.

Azarenka improved to 5-0 against Svitolina. The 24th-seeded Azarenka won the title at Melbourne Park in 2012 and 2013, and she also has been the runner-up at the U.S. Open three times, most recently in 2020.

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO FRIDAY: Friday night under lights will feature two big third-round matches in the women's draw, with defending Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka facing Amanda Anisimova on Margaret Court Arena and top-ranked Ash Barty on Rod Laver Arena against Camila Giorgi. Wimbledon champion Barty is aiming to be the first Australian woman to win the championship since 1978. On the men's side, Rafael Nadal will continue his bid for a record 21st Grand Slam title with a third-round match against No. 28 Karen Khachanov and Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini takes on No. 31

THURSDAY'S KEY RESULTS

Carlos Alcaraz.

Women's third round: No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka beat Wang Xinyu 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Alize Cornet beat No. 3 Garbiñe Muguruza 6-3, 6-3; Clara Tauson beat No. 6 Anett Kontaveit 6-2, 6-4; No. 7 Iga Swiatek beat Rebecca Peterson 6-2, 6-2; No. 10 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova beat Sam Stosur 6-2, 6-2; Zhang Shuai beat No. 12 Elena Rybakina 6-4, 1-0, ret. Men's third round: No. 2 Daniil Medvedev beat Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; No. 5 Andrey Rublev beat Ricardas Berankis 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime beat Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4); No. 11 Jannik Sinner beat Steve Johnson 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

STAT OF THE DAY

9 and 19: Aryna Sabalenka had nine double-faults in her first two service games in her second-round win over Wang. She finished the match with 19.

Split ends: MLB rejects Rays' plan

By Mark Didtler Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Rays' proposed plan to split the season between Florida and Montreal has been rejected by Major League Baseball.

Rays principal owner Stuart Sternberg announced the news on Thursday.

"Today's news is flat-out deflating," Sternberg said. The idea of playing in both the Tampa Bay area and Montreal has been discussed over the past several years after attempts to build a new full-time ballpark locally

"Things had progressed nicely and things had been working nicely, and then recently it just sort of took a turn to the south and we don't precisely know why," Sternberg said. "I have no doubt that what we tried to accomplish with our sister-city plan will become accepted in all of professional sports. Major League Baseball simply isn't prepared to cross that threshold right now."

When asked if he felt somewhat betrayed by his fellow owners, Sternberg replied "that's a word."

"The game is peculiar in a lot of senses and things happen for a lot of reasons," Sternberg said. "Sometimes for the good, but always with good intentions for the game itself. We quite often have differing opinions on what that might mean.

Sometimes people don't like to be first," Sternberg added. "There was a fellow on this call when we went cashless a few years ago said to me, 'I get it, I understand, but why do you have to be first.' It's just people have different approaches to things. We don't mind being first on things.

Montreal had a big league team from 1969, when the expansion Expos began play, through 2004. The Expos moved to Washington and became the Nationals for the 2005 season.

"They were as, if not more, devastated than I was at the

news," Sternberg said. The Rays' lease at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the team has played since its inaugural season in 1998, expires after the 2027 season.

Since Sternberg took control in October 2005, the once-struggling franchise has been a success on the field but not at the box office.

Despite reaching the World Series in 2008 and 2020. the Rays have annually ranked near the bottom in attendance. The Rays averaged about 9,500 for home games last season, 28th in the majors and ahead of only Miami and Oakland. St. Petersburg mayor Ken Welch said he thought a new stadium in his city remains a possibility. Governmental officials have been working on a redevelopment plan for the Tropicana Field site.

We are working with our county partners and city council to put together the best plan possible, which will work in conjunction with my planned evolution of the Tropicana Field master development proposals," Welch said in a statement. "With this collaborative approach, I am confident we can partner with the Tampa Bay Rays to create a new and iconic full-time home for Major League Baseball in St. Petersburg while also achieving historic equitable economic growth."

The city of Tampa is also in the mix.

"All along our goal has been to keep the Rays in Tampa Bay," Tampa mayor Jane Castor said in a statement. "We had been working on both sister-city and full-season proposals, and now we can focus all of our energy on a full season. I am optimistic the Rays will call Tampa Bay home for many years to come."

Sternberg said the team will definitely explore options in the Tampa Bay area. He has no plans to sell the team or request permission to explore relocation from MLB.

We'll see how the stands look this year and the support we get, and that's going to help inform us as well going forward on our plans," Sternberg said.



The Astros play against the Rangers during a game on Aug. 29, 2017, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays' proposed plan to split the baseball season between Florida and Montreal has been rejected by Major League Baseball.

WEATHER



Partly sunny and unseasonably cold. North wind

at 5 to 10 mph.

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Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable.

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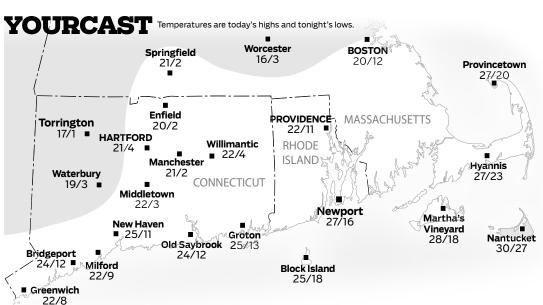
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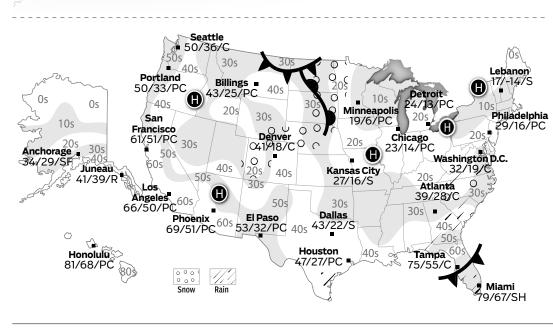
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chance for some snow showers.

TUESDAY

36 LOW **23°** CONNECTICUT F WEATHER For the latest weather news throughout your day. courant.com/weather





OUTLOOK

Early morning rain fell across Connecticut on Thursday before changing to snow as colder air worked into the region. The mildest part of the day was just after midnight. Snowfall accumulations were light. There were 2.5 inches in Danbury, 2.0 inches in Glastonbury, 1.4 inches in Middletown, 1.3 inches in Monroe and 1 inch in Hamden. The next chance for snow or any precipitation appears to be on Tuesday when there could be snow showers. Long range forecasts call for below normal readings through the remainder of January, then February could get off to a seasonable start.

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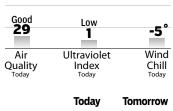
-Gary Lessor

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Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	4:51 p.m.	4:52 p.m.
Moonrise	8:41 p.m.	9:48 p.m.
Moonset	9:33 a.m.	9:56 a.m.

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	p.m.	6:11 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	12:38 a.m.	6:42 a.m.	37°
	12:45 p.m.	7:04 p.m.	
Connecticut River	3:21 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	
at Portland	3:28 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	
Madison	12:49 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	37°
	1:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	
New Haven	1:09 a.m.	7:10 a.m.	37°
	1:20 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	
Stamford	1:13 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	39°
	1:24 p.m.	7:53 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 4.22 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	NW, 10-15	NW, 10-15	NW, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

High	Low
39 at 1:11 a.m	27 at 6:51 p.m
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AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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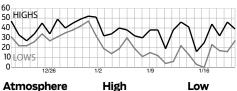
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Last **Heating Degree Days** Season Normal Season

For July 1 - Jan 20 2561 2921 2599 30-day Temperature History



30.24 at 6 p.m.

33° at 5 a.m.

29.91 at 2 a.m.

9° at 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

EAST CATHOLIC 68, ENFIELD 49

ENFIELD (3-6): Kaden Birkett 2-1-6, Josiah Whaley

BOYS BASKETBALL

7-0-18, Josiah Upson 1-0-2, Alex Herron 1-0-2, Tighe Thebodeau 3-0-9. Totals 19-2-49. FAST CATHOLIC (5-3): Rob Elliot 5-0-10. Luke Reilly 1-0-3, Allyn Wright 5-1-12, Samson Reilly 6-2-18, James Jones 6-2-15, Leondre Sanchez 5-0-10. Totals

12 18 15 5 - 49 18 12 21 17 - 68 EC

NCCC **EAST GRANBY 50, COVENTRY 42** COVENTRY (3-4): Aiden Jeamel 4-0-10, Dylan Aloisa 1-0-3, Ryan Sandahl 1-0-3, AJ Rooks 1-0-2, Vinny

Loricco 1-0-3, Wyatt Wendry 6-0-18, Gavin Covell 1-1-3. Totals 15-1-42. EAST GRANBY (5-5): Patrick Lakomy 4-6-14, Matt Fortier 1-0-2, Jonah Dunlop 0-4-4, Evan Malinowski 6-2-15, Kenzie Vick 2-4-8, Brady Gill 2-0-5, Kiernan Rudzik 1-0-2. Totals 16-16-50.

11 4 15 12 - 42 11 6 19 14 - 50 C EG

HILLHOUSE 78, XAVIER 58 XAVIER (4-5): Ethan Bessoni 2-0-5, Colby Ciampi 2-0-4, Matt Bellavance 2-1-7, Vik Vakati 3-0-8,

HILLHOUSE (8-2): Winston Hamilton 5-2-16, Joseph Williams 6-0-13, Matthew Gibbs 4-0-9, Senny Toure 1-0-3, Eddie Langs 1-0-2, Timothy Coleman 4-1-9, Karon Wilkens 2-0-6, Avery Sutton 2-0-5, Jalen Sullivan 2-0-5, Nikai Brookes 4-1-10. Totals 31-4-78.

Anthony Parker 11-0-25, Aidan Driscoll 3-3-9, Totals

13 16 8 21 - 58 17 18 22 21 - 78

CAREER 39, LYMAN HALL 34

CAREER (1-7): Adrel Brenes 5-1-11, Jayden Williams 1-0-2, Mike Singleton 2-2-6, Al Reed 2-2-6, Chace Lee 1-0-2, Chaance Moore 0-1-1, Justin Cabrera 3-0-6, Amare Brooks 2-1-5. Totals 16-6-39. LYMAN HALL (2-7): Brady Campbell 3-1-7, Justin Hackett 3-3-9, Nazier Medina 1-0-2, Chace Sealy

0-0-0, Tyler Casey 5-0-11, Drew Mik 1-0-3. Totals 1 14 11 13 - 39 9 6 7 12 - 34 C LH

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIVIC LEADERSHIP 46, MLC 18 CIVIC LEADERSHIP (5-4): Ariell Cuyler 2-0-4, Gabby Tinsley 4-0-8, Gio Shaw 5-0-10, Shaniqua Thomas 10-2-22, Mallory Thorpe 1-0-2. Totals 22-2-46. MLC (0-8): Natalia Dupiton 3-1-7, Tene McFarlane 1-0-2, Aaliyah Graves 3-1-7, Deajah Minnifield 1-0-2. Totals 8-2-18.

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Others WESTBROOK 53, NORWICH TECH 25

NORWICH TECH (2-9): Kaylee Gray 3-2-8, Autumn Lovett 2-1-5, Olivia Luurtsema 0-1-1, Autumn Hanks 1-0-2, Ashlyn Bull 4-1-9. Totals 10-5-25. WESTBROOK (6-4): Adriana Stranieri 2-0-4, Leticia Pires 7-0-14, Jami Sacco 9-0-23, Alex Zanzalari 1-1-3,

Gianni Salisbury 2-0-4. Totals 23-1-53. 6 6 6 7 - 25 19 15 6 13 - 53 Note: Pires 14 points were a career high and she

had a double-double with 11 rebounds, 5 assists Sacco also had a double-double with 11 rebounds, HAND 57, FARMINGTON 37 HAND (9-2): Natalie Lucas 3-1-9, Maya Blomberg 1-0-2, Brooke Sazutari 6-1-17, Annie Goodrich 0-1-1,

Sophia Cappola 4-8-16, Coco Roucke 3-0-6, Carson FARMINGTON (8-3): Daria Fournier 3-0-8, Mackenzie Campbell 3-1-7, Emily Sanchez 1-0-2, Brooke Jones 3-0-6, Avery Anderson 5-0-10, Sarah Bertolette 2-0-4. Totals 17-1-37.

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SHEEHAN 60, CANTON 52 SHEEHAN (6-4): Molly Smolenski 7-4-22, Liv Cassela 6-2-17, Cameron Jambor 1-0-2, Bella Perno 0-1-1, Ella Dorsey 1-0-2, Reilly Hunter 2-0-4, Maddie DiPasquale 5-0-12. Totals 22-6-60. CANTON (2-5): Jenna Cuniowski 8-7-23, Sophia Mates 9-2-20, Avery Brown 2-2-6, Gabby DelSanto

36 16 PC

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San Juan

Aislin Richmond 3-3-9, Cynthia Deneus 1-0-2, Hannah Graham 0-2-2. Totals 7-6-21. GLASTONBURY (6-4): Sydney Kehl 0-1-2-5, Gisel Astiasaran 3-2-8, Madison Handrahan 7-1-15, Lily Woodworth 2-0-5, Alyssa Healy 0-1-1.

CLASSICAL 48. PRINCE TECH 37

1-0-3, Asia Harper-McQueen 2-2-6. Totals 12-11-37. CLASSICAL (5-4): Jasmine Charlery 2-3-7, Kyeera Hall 1-1-3, Reilly Fournier 5-2-12, Sequoia Turcotte Briggs 10-3-24, Summer Tullier 1-0-2. Totals 19-9-48.

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BOYS HOCKEY

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CCC-South
E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND 5, HALL 0

Goals: EOS—Damian Till, Braiden George, Quentin Wry, Connor O'Brien, Kaleb Van Horn. Saves: EOS— Dan Polgun, 15 H—Aeden Mallet, 29. Dan Polgun, 15

RH Goals: RH-Connor Konopka (2), Brody Davidson, N-Shane Pourmalecki, Charlie Maxwell Nate Ojala, Landon Bell. Rec.: RH-5-3

EC

A-5-2-2. WRESTLING

CCC-South **BERLIN 60, PLAINVILLE 13** CCC-West RHAM 60, MIDDLETOWN 9

HALL 48, NEW BRITAIN 18 NCCC **GRANBY 36, ROCKVILLE 30**

HAND 36, AMITY 30

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL

SCHEDULE

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-**East:** E.O. Smith at South Windsor CCC-**Inter:** Manchester at Middletown; Wethers-Berlin; Platt at Avon; Farmington at Enfield; East Catholic at Southington; New Britain at East Hart-NCCC: East Windsor at Suffield, 5 p.m.: HMTCA

at SMSA, 5:15 p.m.; Rockville at Bolton; Granby at Somers; East Granby at Windsor Locks; Canton at Coventry: Ellington at Stafford Shoreline: Morgan at Coginchaug, 7 p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Westbrook, 7 p.m.; East Hampton at Portland, 7 p.m.; Old Saybrook at Cromwell,

CTC: Kaynor Tech at Vinal Tech, 5:30 p.m.

West Haven at Xavier, 7 p.m.; Career at Cheshire, NVL: Oxford at St. Paul, 7 p.m. Others: Amistad at Prince Tech. 6 p.m.: University

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-North: Rocky Hill at Wethersfield

0-1-1, Rachel Renaud 1-0-2. Totals 20-12-52.

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GLASTONBURY 40. NFA 21 NFA (1-9): Nevaeh Yorke 1-0-3, Naiya Stone 2-1-5, Feeney 1-0-2, Hailey Moriarty 1-0-3, Skylar Fiske

PRINCE TECH (6-3): Shivani Roach 1-5-8, Shanay Thomas 7-3-17, Yenny Barry 1-1-3, Kaylah Dillon

Rec.: EOS—7-2 H—3-4.
ROCKY HILL CO-OP 4, NORTHEASTERN 3

GIRLS HOCKEY

EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 2, AVON CO-OP 2 (OT)

Goals: EC—Mallory Pierz, Meghan Croyle A— Shelby Little, Bella Bonfiglio. Saves: EC—Maren Riley, 29 A—Emily Moskal, 18. Rec.: EC—5-1-3

SOUTHINGTON 54, CONARD 24 CCC-Inter

SIMSBURY 83, NEWINGTON 0

ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

CCC-North: Bulkeley at Bloomfield

field at Plainville: Rocky Hill at RHAM: Simsbury at ford: Glastonbury at Newington: Tolland at Hartford Public: Northwest Catholic at Maloney; Lewis Mills

CRAL: Civic Leadership at Parish Hill, 6 p.m.; Capital Prep at Aerospace, 7 p.m. SCC: Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 7 p.m.; Notre Dame-

at Gilbert, 6 p.m.; Norwich Tech at Windham, 7 p.m.; Innovation at Goodwin Tech, 7 p.m.

CCC-Inter: Middletown at Bloomfield, 3:45 p.m.; Manchester at New Britain, 5:15 p.m.: Northwest Catholic at East Catholic, 5:15 p.m.; Lewis Mills at

37 26 PC

Tolland, 5:30 p.m.; RHAM at Conard NCCC: Suffield at East Windsor, 5 p.m.: Stafford at Ellington, 5:15 p.m.; Bolton at Rockville, 6 p.m.; Windsor Locks at East Granby; SMSA at HMTCA; Coventry at Canton, 7 p.m.

Shoreline: Portland at East Hampton, 7 p.m.; Cron well at Old Saybrook, 7 p.m.; Westbrook at Haddam-Killingworth, 7 p.m.; North Branford at Hale-Ray 7 p.m.; Coginchaug at Morgan, 7 p.m. CTC: Platt Tech at Goodwin Tech, 4 p.m.; Wilcox

Tech at Cheney Tech, 5:30 p.m.; Vinal Tech at Kaynor Tech, 5:30 p.m.; Prince Tech at Ellis Tech, 6 p.m. CRAL: Achievement First at Aerospace, 3:45 p.m.; Weaver at Capital Prep, 4 p.m.; Classical at Civic Leadership, 4:45 p.m.; Parish Hill at MLC, 6:15 p.m. SCC: Hand at Guilford, 7 p.m.; Lyman Hall at Shee-ECC: Waterford at Bacon Academy, 6 p.m.; Wind-

ham at Plainfield, 6 p.m. NVL: St. Paul at Oxford, 5 p.m.
Others: Lyman Memorial at Windham Tech, 5:30

p.m.; Maloney at Harding, 6 p.m.

BOYSHOCKEY NHC: Tri-Town at SGWL, 8:20 p.m. SCC/SWC: East Haven co-op at North Branford,

Others: Southington co-on at New Milford, 8:30 p.m.

CCC: Simsbury at Suffield co-op. 6 p.m.: Conard/

Hall at Northwest Catholic co-op, 8:20 p.m. Others: Avon co-op at Ridgefield co-op, 3:20 p.m.; LaSalle Academy (R.I.) at East Catholic co-op, 8:30

CCC-South: Plainville at Bristol Central, 6 p.m. CCC-Inter: Manchester at Glastonbury, 5:30 p.m.; New Britain at Berlin, 6 n.m.

Others: Farmington, East Lyme/Norwich Tech,

Gilbert at Avon, 4 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Litchfield, 7 p.m.

RESULTS

SCHEDULE

MEN'S HOCKEY

AIC at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.

Others: Conard, Hall, Windsor at New Balance Games (The Armory, N.Y.), 9 a.m. BOYSSWIMMING CCC-Inter: Bristol co-op at Conard, 3:45 p.m.; Manchester/RHAM at Wethersfield, 5 p.m.; Hall at

Glastonbury, 5:30 p.m. SCC: Xavier at North Haven co-op, 4 p.m.; Hand at Others: Plainville at Granby, 3:45 p.m.; Northwest Catholic at Suffield/Ellington, 4 p.m.; Lewis Mills at

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Others: Killingly, Woodstock Academy at Old Lyme,

COLLEGE RESULTS MEN'S BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY'S LATE

HARTFORD 69, NEW HAMPSHIRE 66 TRINITY 97, PRATT INSTITUTE 32 **OUINNIPIAC 73, RIDER 67** THURSDAY'S COLLEGE

MEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN AT BUTLER, LATE ST. JOSEPH AT ST. JOSEPH'S (MAINE), LATE

MONMOUTH AT FAIRFIELD, LATE EN'S BASKETBALL WESLEYAN AT EASTERN NAZARENE, LATE

ST. JOSEPH AT DEAN, LATE MANHATTAN AT FAIRFIELD, LATE FRIDAY'S COLLEGE

MEN'S BASKETBALL Central at St. Francis (Pa.), 7 p.m. Sacred Heart at Mount St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

Hartford at Vermont, 2 p.m. Seton Hall at UConn (Gampel), 7 p.m. St. Francis (Pa.) at Central, 7 p.m. Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

OLYMPICS COMMENTARY

'Games must go on' spiel grows weaker by the day

Barometer

Dew point

By Jim Litke

Associated Press The Olympic Charter runs 112 pages and reads like something Gwyneth Paltrow would have written if she were in charge of the

Games instead of Goop. "The goal of Olympism," the charter reads, "is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful societv concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

OK, forget about all that highminded stuff. The International Olympic Committee and their Chinese handlers abandoned any such appeals not long after the bid was awarded in 2015. Forget about all the human-rights abuses in the host nation since then, too. With two weeks left until opening ceremonies, the sales pitch has been pared down to "the Games must go on," because we all need a diversion

right about now. True enough. What the hosts still won't say is what they hope to

divert your attention from. To be sure, the Games will go on because ... well, because of all the money plowed in beforehand and all the renminbi to be vacuumed up still. They should go on, too,

because of all those years of sacri-

fice by thousands of athletes and officials for their shot at a moment of glory in the glistening winter sun. To deny them that chance serves no one's purpose.

But if you thought last summer's Tokyo Olympics were hollowed out, just wait.

In just the past 10 days or so, athletes were threatened by the organizing committee with "certain punishments" for saying or doing anything that would offend their Chinese hosts, which experience suggests could be ... literally anything. Several delegations urged anyone headed to Beijing to take "burner" phones instead of their personal devices because of concerns over government spying. Ticket sales to events were canceled, meaning the few spectators the organizing committee allows to attend will be there by invitation only. Even that modest attendance goal won't be easy in a nation where more than 20 million were under some form of lock-

down as China tries to quell a series of COVID-19 outbreaks. There will be no shortage of glorious sports moments on the stage in Beijing. If you want them served up with a side of "social responsibility" and "respect," you'll probably want to find something

New Hampshire at UConn. 7 p.m. Conn. College at Trinity, 7 p.m. Tufts at Wesleyan, 7 p.m. Yale at RPI, 7 p.m.

Quinnipiac at Colgate, 7 p.m.

Colgate at Yale, 6 p.m. Wesleyan at Conn. College, 7 p.m. Sacred Heart at Franklin Pierce, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING Eastern at St. Joseph, 5 p.m. WOMEN'S SWIMMING

BIG EAST BASKETBALL Standings MEN'S CONF CPCT

Eastern at St. Joseph, 5 p.m.

OVR 14-2 13-5 .875 .722 Providence 4-1 6-2 .800 .750 Villanova .667 .625 14-3 13-6 12-4 4-2 5-3 3-2 Xavier .824 .684 .750 .688 .625 Marquette UConn Creighton St. John's 3-2 2-3 2-4 .600 .400 .333 11-5 10-6 11-5 Seton Hall .529 .588 .429 Butler .333 .143 .000 1-6 0-3 DePaul Georgetown

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS CREIGHTON 87. ST. JOHN'S 64

MARQUETTE 57, VILLANOVA 54 XAVIER 68, DEPAUL 67

else to watch on TV.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS UCONN AT BUTLER, LATE GEORGETOWN AT PROVIDENCE, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE Seton Hall at St. John's, noon Villanova at Georgetown, noon DePaul at Creighton, 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S				
Team	CONF	СРСТ	OVR	PCT
UConn	4-0	1.000	9-4	.692
Creighton	8-1	.889	13-4	.765
DePaul	6-1	.857	14-4	.778
Marquette	4-3	.571	11-5	.688
Villanova	3-3	.500	9-6	.600
Seton Hall	3-4	.429	8-7	.533
Providence	3-4	.429	8-8	.500
Georgetown	1-3	.250	6-6	.500
Xavier	1-5	.167	6-9	.400
St. John's	1-5	.167	5-11	.313
Butler	0-5	.000	1-13	.071

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT SETON HALL 84, ST. JOHN'S 79

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE Seton Hall at UConn, 7 p.m.

Marguette at Xavier, 7 p.m. DePaul at Butler, 7 p.m. Providence at Villanova, 7 p.m. Creighton at Georgetown, 7 p.m.